

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>PHILIPPINES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Bureau Animal Industry (BAI), Department of Agriculture (DA)
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Domestic and Wild Birds and their Products including Poultry Meat, Day-Old Chicks, Eggs and Semen (HS 0105, 0207, 0407, 0408).
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> State of California, USA
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> DA Memorandum Order (MO) No.10, Series of 2002, Temporary Ban on the Importation of Domestic and Wild Birds and their Products including Poultry Meat, Day-Old Chicks, Eggs and Semen Originating from the State of California, USA.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The US Department of Agriculture, based on a report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 3 October 2002, has confirmed an outbreak of Newcastle Disease (ND) in California, USA. The Philippines imports poultry and poultry products from the USA. There is a need to prevent the entry of virulent Newcastle disease virus to protect the health of the local poultry industry.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Restrictions imposed on the importation of domestic and wild birds, their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen to prevent the entry and spread of Newcastle disease in the country.
9.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
10.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> English
11.	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 18 October 2002

- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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