

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), Department of Agriculture (DA)
3.	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): Domestic and wild birds, poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Republic of Korea (South Korea)
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: DA Memorandum Order (MO) No. 32, Series of 2003, 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 Republic of Korea.
6.	Description of content: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Korea, based on a report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 12 December 2003, has confirmed an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). There is a possibility that some travellers may bring in pet birds from the Republic of Korea, and there is a need to prevent the entry of pathogenic virus causing avian flu to protect the health of the local poultry population.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Import restriction is imposed to prevent the entry of pathogenic virus causing avian flu and to protect the health of the local poultry population.
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] Office International des Epizooties, [] International Plant Protection Convention, [] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Available in English
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 19 December 2003

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

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