

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: Delaware, USA
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: DA Memorandum Order (MO) No. 08, Series of 2004, Temporary Ban on the Importation of Domestic and Wild Birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs, and semen originating from Delaware, USA.
6.	Description of content: The USDA confirmed the occurrence of avian flu in Kent County, Delaware, USA last 6 February 2004. Two birds have tested positive for the virulent H7 virus in the said state. Other countries such as Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, and Hong Kong already imposed a ban on US poultry imports. 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: <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.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Import restriction is imposed due to the occurrence of H7 virus in Delaware, USA.
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> 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: English
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 9 February 2004
12.	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

13. Texts available from: [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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