

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: Countries affected by Avian Influenza (Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Pakistan, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam)
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: DA Memorandum Order (MO) No. 09, Series of 2004, Temporary Ban on the Trans-Shipment of Domestic and Wild Birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs, and semen in Countries affected with Avian Influenza.
6.	Description of content: Most of the Asian countries are affected with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) based on the reports to the <i>Office International des Epizooties (OIE)</i> . Trans-shipment of live poultry in Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Pakistan, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam is prohibited. There is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus 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: Trans-shipment restriction is imposed in countries affected with Avian Influenza.
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: n.a.
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 3 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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