

# 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, their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> The Netherlands
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> DA Memorandum Order (MO) No.10, 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 Netherlands.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Restriction on the importation of the above-mentioned products from The Netherlands is imposed due to the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the said country.
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> The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries, based on a report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) on 3 March 2003, has confirmed an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The Philippines imports poultry and poultry products from The Netherlands. There is a need to prevent the entry of pathogenic virus causing avian flu to protect the health of the local poultry population.
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> 4 March 2003

- 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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