

# 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 (BPI), Department of Agriculture (DA)
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable).</b> Domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> United States of America (USA)
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 4, Series of 2002, Temporary Ban on the Transshipment of Domestic and Wild Birds and their Products Including Poultry Meat, Day-Old Chicks, Eggs and Semen Originating from the United States
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> Import restrictions imposed due to the need of preventing the entry of contaminated poultry meat to protect the health of the local human population.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s):</b> An outbreak of type H7N2 virus was confirmed in the State of Pennsylvania, USA. The said virus was identified as causing low pathogenic type of avian influenza which could develop into a high level of avian flu, Japan has already imposed a ban on poultry and poultry products, including eggs from the United States. Likewise, China's Entry-Exit Inspection Quarantine imposed a ban on poultry meat from a slaughter plant in Atlanta, Georgia (USA) due to bacterial contamination of E. Coli. The poultry and poultry products from the United States are already in the export pipeline to Japan and China which may be transhipped to the Philippines.
8.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Available in English
10.	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 30 January 2002

- 11. Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:**  
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