

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

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 may be provided in addition, where applicable).</b> Pork, pork products, and pork by-products. <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> European countries, except United Kingdom, Ireland, France, and the Netherlands
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> DA Memorandum Order (MO) No. 10, Series of 2001, Lifting Temporary Ban on the Importation of Pork, Pork Products and By-Products from European Countries, Except United Kingdom, Ireland, France and the Netherlands.
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> Continental Europe has finally put a total control on the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) crisis and no cases have been reported. The outbreaks of FMD were confined within United Kingdom (UK), Ireland, the Netherlands, and France, and the rest of Europe maintained the status as FMD-free countries as recognized by the <i>Office International des Epizooties</i> . The European veterinary authorities have maintained all precautionary measures to prevent spread of FMD to other European countries. Other countries have already lifted the ban on the importation of fresh frozen pork, pork products, and by-products from the FMD-free countries in Europe. Import restrictions imposed on the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands, and France are due to the need for preventing the entry, establishment and spread of FMD in the country.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ X ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ X ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ X ] protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> [ ]. <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> <i>Office International des Epizooties</i> recognized United Kingdom, Ireland, the Netherlands, and France as not FMD-free countries in Europe.
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> English
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 13 July 2001
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 13 July 2001

**11. Final date for comments:**  
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