

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 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 and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: State of Texas, USA.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: DA Memorandum Order (MO) No.16, 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 State of Texas, USA.
6.	Description of content: Import restriction on the said products is imposed due to the outbreak of Newcastle Disease in the state of Texas, USA.
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: The US Department of Agriculture, based on a report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) on 10 April 2003, has confirmed an outbreak of Newcastle Disease in the state of Texas, USA. The Philippines imports poultry and poultry products from the USA, hence, there is a need to prevent the entry of virulent ND virus to protect the health of the local poultry population.
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <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 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): 21 May 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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