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**Report Highlights:**

The Philippine Department of Agriculture issued Department Order No. 16 (2024) on October 1, 2024, requesting the Bureau of Customs to continue imposing price-based special safeguard (SSG) measure on thirteen (13) agricultural tariff lines and impose price-based SSG on four (4) additional agricultural products. The Department Order takes effect immediately. The trigger prices for the various agricultural products were previously submitted to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in September 2002. However, the Philippines has yet to notify the WTO on its decision to continue applying SSG, pursuant to the WTO Safeguards Agreement.

The Philippine Department of Agriculture, through [Department Order No. 16 \(2024\)](#) dated October 1, 2024, requested the Bureau of Customs to continue the imposition of price-based special safeguard (SSG) on thirteen (13) agricultural tariff lines, pursuant to [Republic Act \(RA\) No. 8800](#) or the Safeguard Measures Act. In addition to these tariff lines, the price-based SSG will also be imposed on four (4) new agricultural products, as follows:

<b>AHTN 2022</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Trigger Price (PhP per kg)</b>
0210.11.00	Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof, with bone in, of swine, salted, in brine, dried or smoked	79.63
0901.21.19.200	Coffee, roasted, not decaffeinated, unground, other than Arabica and Robusta (Out-Quota)	134.11
1601.00.10.900	Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products, in airtight containers for retail sale other than of insects	65.03
1602.32.90	Other prepared and preserved meat, meat offal, blood of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , other than chicken curry, in airtight containers for retail sale	259.22

Pursuant to Sections 21 and 24 of RA No. 8800, an additional duty shall be imposed on the identified agricultural product if its actual cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) import price falls below its trigger price. The actual CIF value, as cited in the Department Order, will be computed based on the time when import documents are lodged. Meanwhile, the identified trigger prices are based on average prices from 1986 to 1988. It should also be noted that Section 25 of RA No. 8800 indicates that the special safeguard duty shall not apply to imported agricultural product brought into the country under the minimum access volume mechanism.

In July 2001, the Philippines notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) Committee on Safeguards ([G/SG/N/1/PHL/2](#)) on the enactment of RA No. 8800 and its implementing rules and regulations. The country's upfront notification of trigger prices was submitted to the WTO Committee on Agriculture in September 2002 through notification [G/AG/N/PHL/27](#).

All WTO member countries must also notify the Committee on Safeguards on any decision to apply or extend a safeguard measure, pursuant to [Article 12.1\(c\) of the Agreement on Safeguards](#). As of October 7, 2024, the Philippines has not notified the WTO on the issuance of Department Order No. 16 (2024).

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.