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# **Philippines Considering Special Safeguard Tariff Increases**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**The Department of Agriculture (DA) is considering invoking the special safeguard (SSG) measure for poultry, beef, pork, corn and other eligible products. DA recently released a list of trigger prices of SSG-eligible products pursuant to Republic Act 8800 (RA 8800) or the Safeguards Measures Act and is currently evaluating Bureau of Customs data to determine if any prices of eligible products have fallen below established price floors (trigger prices). If the SSG is invoked, some eligible products could face significant tariff hikes of as much as 100%.**

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On August 7, 2002, the Department of Agriculture released a list of trigger prices of agricultural products eligible for special safeguards (SSG). The trigger price is calculated as the average c.i.f. unit value of the product for the years 1986 to 1988 (as defined in RA 8800, section 24(a) and the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, Article 5 paragraph 1(b)).

Under the Philippine Safeguards Law, a SSG duty may be imposed on an agricultural product, if (i) its cumulative import volume in a given year exceeds its trigger volume; or but not concurrently (ii) its actual c.i.f. import price is less than its trigger price. Only the following agricultural products designated with the symbol "SSG" in the Philippine Tariff Commitments under the WTO are entitled to special safeguards duty: beef; cabbage; cassava; coffee; corn and its substitutes; garlic; goat and other meats; live animals; onions; pork; potatoes; poultry meats; processed meats; and raw sugar.

The DA is currently evaluating data from the Bureau of Customs to see if any commodities included in the list have already breached price limits established and is expected to release the results of this study sometime in the near future. Though the SSG measure cannot be automatically be implemented without WTO notification and consultation with interested WTO members, the DA may begin administration of the special safeguards measure 15 days after the complete publication of details in two newspapers of general circulation.

Provided below is a listing of the trigger prices established by the DA for agricultural products eligible under the special safeguards (SSG).

H.S. Code (2002)	Product Description	Unit	Trigger Price in pesos per unit
0101.11.00	Pure-bred breeding horses	No. of heads	59069.14
0101.19.00	Other live horses	No. of heads	59069.14
0102.10.00	Pure-bred breeding bovine animals	No. of heads	8169.92
0102.90.00	Other live bovine animals	No. of heads	7602.77
0105.11.10	Chicks for breeding weighing not more than 185 g.	No. of heads	66.15
0105.12.20	Turkeys for breeding weighing not more than 185 g.	No. of heads	160.25
0105.19.10	Ducks and geese for breeding, weighing not more than 185 g.	No. of heads	29.35
0105.92.10	Chicken for breeding, weighing more than 185 g. not exceeding 2000g.	No. of heads	526.76
0105.92.20	Game cock or any male chicken for cockfighting weighing more than 185 g. but not exceeding 2000 g.	No. of heads	3196.25
0105.93.10	Chicken for breeding, weighing more than 2000 g.	No. of heads	526.76
0105.93.20	Game cock or any male chicken for cockfighting weighing more than 2000 g.	No. of heads	3196.25
0105.99.92	Ducks, geese and turkeys, weighing more than 185 g.	No. of heads	640.51
0106.00.00	Other live animals, n.e.s.	No. of heads	88.01
0201.10.00	Carcasses and half carcasses of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	89.22
0201.20.00	Other cuts with bone-in of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	89.22

0201.20.00	Meat of bovine animals, boneless, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	30.26
0202.10.00	Carcasses and half-carcasses, of bovine animals, frozen	Kilograms	89.22
0202.20.00	Other cuts with bone-in, of bovine animals, frozen	Kilograms	89.22
0202.30.00	Meat of bovine animals, boneless, frozen	Kilograms	30.26
0203.11.20	Carcasses and half-carcasses of swine, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	18.06
0203.12.20	Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof with bone-in, of swine, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	18.06
0203.19.12	Pork bellies, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	18.06
0203.19.22	Fore-ends and cuts of swine, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	18.06
0203.19.92	Other meats of swine other than pork bellies and fore-ends and cuts thereof, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	18.06
0203.21.20	Carcasses and half-carcasses of swine, frozen	Kilograms	18.06
0203.22.20	Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof with bonein, of swine, frozen	Kilograms	18.06
0203.29.12	Pork bellies, frozen	Kilograms	18.06
0203.29.22	Fore-ends and cuts thereof, of swine, frozen	Kilograms	18.06
0203.29.92	Other meat of swine other than pork bellies and fore-ends and cuts thereof, frozen	Kilograms	18.06
0204.10.00	Carcasses and half-carcasses, of lamb, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	83.07
0204.21.00	Carcasses and half-carcasses, of sheep, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	83.07
0204.22.00	Other cuts with bone in of sheep, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	83.07
0204.23.00	Meat of sheep, boneless, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	83.07
0204.30.00	Carcasses and half-carcasses, of lamb, frozen	Kilograms	83.07
0204.41.00	Carcasses and half-carcasses, of sheep, frozen	Kilograms	83.07
0204.42.00	Other cuts with bone in of sheep, frozen	Kilograms	83.07
0204.43.00	Meat of sheep, boneless, frozen	Kilograms	83.07
0204.50.20	Meat of goat, fresh, chilled or frozen	Kilograms	83.07
0206.10.00	Edible offal of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	14.35
0206.21.00	Tongues of bovine animals, frozen	Kilograms	14.35
0206.22.00	Livers of bovine animals, frozen	Kilograms	14.35
0206.29.00	Other edible offal of bovine animals, frozen	Kilograms	14.35
0206.30.00	Edible offal of swine, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	14.35
0206.41.00	Livers of swine, frozen	Kilograms	14.35
0206.49.00	Other edible offal of swine, frozen	Kilograms	14.35
0206.80.00	Edible offal of sheep, goats, horses, assess, mules, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	14.35
0206.90.00	Edible offal of sheep, goats, horses, assess, mules, hinnies, frozen	Kilograms	14.35
0207.11.00	Meat offal of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	93.96
0207.12.20	Meat of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, cut in pieces, frozen	Kilograms	93.96
0207.13.20	Cuts and offal of fowl of the species Gallus domesticus, cut in pieces, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	117.23
0207.14.12	Livers of the species Gallus domesticus, frozen	Kilograms	423.55

0207.14.92	Other cuts and offal of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, frozen	Kilograms	93.96
0207.24.20	Meat of turkey, not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	49.14
0207.26.20	Cuts and offal of turkeys, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	73.45
0207.27.12	Livers of turkey, frozen	Kilograms	423.55
0207.32.12	Meat of ducks, not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	37.81
0207.33.20	Meat of ducks, geese or guinea fowls, frozen	Kilograms	37.81
0207.34.20	Fatty livers of ducks, geese or guinea fowls, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	423.55
0207.35.20	Cuts and offals of ducks, geese or guinea fowls, cut in pieces	Kilograms	37.81
0207.36.12	Livers of ducks, geese or guinea fowls, frozen	Kilograms	423.55
0207.36.92	Cuts and offal, other than liver of ducks, geese or guinea fowls	Kilograms	37.81
0208.20.00	Meat and edible meat offal of rabbits or hares, fresh, chilled or frozen	Kilograms	71.76
0208.20.00	Frogs legs, chilled or frozen	Kilograms	71.76
0208.90.00	Other meat and edible meat offal, fresh, and chilled or frozen	Kilograms	73.82
02010.11.20	Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof, with bone-in, of swine, salted, in brine, dried or smoked	Kilograms	79.63
0210.12.20	Bellies (streaky) and cuts thereof, with bone-in, of swine, salted, in brine, dried or smoked	Kilograms	64.88
0210.20.00	Meat of bovine animals, salted, in brine, dried or smoked	Kilograms	159.64
0210.90.10	Freeze dried chicken dice	Kilograms	70.5
0210.90.92	Meat and edible meat offal of other animals including edible flours and meals of meat or meat offals, salted, brine, dried or smoked	Kilograms	70.5
0701.10.00	Seed potatoes (not including sweet potatoes)	Kilograms	12.42
0701.90.20	Potatoes, fresh or chilled, other than seed potatoes	Kilograms	6.3
0703.10.00	Onions and shallots, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	74.21
0704.90.90	Kohlrabe, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled	Kilograms	14.35
0901.21.20	Coffee, roasted, not decaffeinated	Kilograms	134.11
0901.22.20	Coffee, roasted, decaffeinated	Kilograms	134.11
1001.90.10	Wheat used as feed	Kilograms	3.1
1003.00.00	Barley	Kilograms	1.62
1004.00.00	Oats	Kilograms	2.92
1005.10.00	Maize (corn) seed	Kilograms	8.97
1005.90.10	Popcorn	Kilograms	2.4
1005.90.92	Maize (corn), other than seed	Kilograms	2.4
1008.90.00	Other cereals	Kilograms	6.43
1103.13.00	Groats and meal of maize (corn)	Kilograms	10.83
1104.22.00	Other worked oats	Kilograms	16.31
1104.23.00	Other worked grains of maize (corn)	Kilograms	7.27
1109.00.00	Wheat gluten	Kilograms	15.65

1601.00.00	Sausages and similar products of meat, meat offals of blood, food preparations based on these products	Kilograms	65.03
1602.10.00	Homogenized preparation of meat and edible meat offal	Kilograms	259.22
1602.20.00	Liver of any animal, prepared or preserved	Kilograms	259.22
1602.31.90	Turkey meat or offal, prepared or preserved, other than in airtight containers	Kilograms	259.22
1602.31.32	Meat of offal of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> prepared or preserve other than in airtight containers	Kilograms	259.22
1602.32.10	Poultry meat or offal, other than of turkey and of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , prepared or preserved in airtight containers	Kilograms	298.55
1602.39.90	Poultry meat or offal, other than turkey and of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , prepared or preserved in airtight containers	Kilograms	259.22
1602.41.10	Hams and cuts thereof of swine, prepared or preserved in airtight containers	Kilograms	305.73
1602.41.90	Hams and cuts thereof of swine, prepared or preserved, in airtight containers	Kilograms	11.29
1602.42.00	Shoulders and cuts thereof, of swine, prepared or preserved	Kilograms	11.29
1602.49.00	Other prepared or preserved meal and offal of swine including mixture	Kilograms	11.29
1602.50.00	Meat and meat offal of bovine animals, prepared or preserved	Kilograms	28.30
1602.90.10	Other prepared or preserved meat and offal including preparations of blood of any animal, in airtight containers, n.e.s.	Kilograms	259.22
1602.90.90	Other prepared or preserved meat and offal including preparations of blood of any animal, other than in airtight containers, n.e.s.	Kilograms	259.22
1701.11.20	Cane sugar, raw, not containing added flavoring or coloring matter	Kilograms	5.14
1701.12.20	Beet sugar, raw, not containing added flavoring or coloring matter	Kilograms	5.14
2101.11.20	Extracts, essences and concentrates of coffee	Kilograms	203.74
2101.12.20	Preparations with a basis of extracts, essences or concentrates or with a basis of coffee	Kilograms	203.74
2302.10.00	Bran, sharps and other residues, whether or not in the form of pellets, derived from the sifting, milling or other working of maize (corn)	Kilograms	3.94
2301.10.00	Residues of starch manufacture and similar residues	Kilograms	15.36