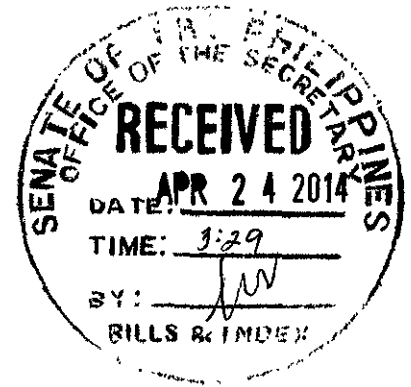


SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)
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SENATE
P.S.R No. 605

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION REPORT THAT CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS WERE SOLD AND ILLEGALLY REPACKED WITHOUT APPROPRIATE LABELS IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 12, Section 12 provides: "The State shall establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health, manpower development, and research, responsive to the country's health needs and problems";

WHEREAS, it was reported on 12 April 2014 by the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* that the Food and Drug Authority (FDA) warns the public against cooking oil and sugar products illegally being sold by a company based in Valenzuela City.

WHEREAS, in an advisory, the FDA advised consumers not to purchase or use any product being repacked and distributed by Authority Trading Corp. (ATC);

WHEREAS, the products include Lucky Light Washed Sugar, Lucky Light Refined Sugar, Lucky Light Refined Sugar, Best Quality Puregold Equal Refined Sugar, 5 Pinya Raw Sugar, Jumbo Savings Pure Cooking Oil, ATC Lucky Light Cooking Oil, ATC Aflower Light Cooking Oil, and Daylee Pure Vegetable Cooking Oil;

WHEREAS, according to the report, the advisory said that all distributors, traders, grocery stores and retailers are also ordered to discontinue the selling, distribution, and offering for sale to the consumers of all the mentioned products;

WHEREAS, the FDA's order reportedly stemmed from findings that the company did not have a valid license to operate as a food repacker and that all its products had failed to secure Certificates of Product Registration (CPR) from the agency;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the company was found in violation of the Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009 and the Food Safety Act of 2013;


WHEREAS, FDA Director General Kenneth Hartigan Go reportedly said that critical and major violations of good manufacturing practices were noted in the ATC repacking facility, thus giving no assurance that the products being repacked were of good quality;

WHEREAS, Go also claimed that ATC violated rules and regulations governing the labeling of prepackaged food products distributed in the country, since the products did not bear all mandatory information on the labels;

WHEREAS, it was also reported that Go ordered FDA field regulatory officers and regulatory enforcement agents to confiscate the banned products found in the market;

WHEREFORE; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the alleged report by the Food and Drug Administration that certain food products were sold and illegally repacked without appropriate labels in the city of Valenzuela.

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