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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF CHINA-MADE
PRODUCTS CONTAINING FORMALDEHYDE

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 13, Section 12 mandates that: "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, according to a 17 July 2007 report in the ABS-CBN news website, grape biscuits and the White Rabbit creamy candy from China have allegedly been found to contain formaldehyde;

WHEREAS, formaldehyde is a preservative and embalming chemical that has been linked to cancer in humans;

WHEREAS, according to Deputy Director Joshua Ramos of the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD), the distributors of the White Rabbit creamy candy, Milk Candy, Bairong grape biscuits, and Yong Kang Foods grape biscuits have been ordered to pull out their products from the market;

WHEREAS, BFAD has no police powers to force the distributors to pull out these products; however, the bureau will send letters to distributors advising them that the products can only be sold if they are proven safe;

WHEREAS, China's safety standards have come under sharp international criticism because of the proliferation of allegedly fake, shoddy, or dangerous goods from the country's food and drug industry;

WHEREAS, reports about tainted pet food, dangerous toys, drugs, fish, cosmetics, and other products from China have led to a series of recalls and bans in the United States;

WHEREAS, Philippine importers of these products should be monitored strictly;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the government to order the immediate closure of companies importing tainted goods from China despite advisories from BFAD about the health risks posed by these products;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to conduct an inquiry on the proliferation of China-made products containing formaldehyde.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO