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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Milk consumers are improperly informed about the contents of the milk they acquire from the market. There is also no uniform standards as to the contents of skim milk, low fat milk and milk as beverage in final package.

The Constitution, Article 11, Section 15 provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." In accordance with this constitutional mandate, this bill provides for the proper labeling of milk products indicating distinctly in its package the non-fat and protein contents of milk solids that are non-fat in the classification of skim milk, low fat and milk beverage. With this innovation it is expected that the consuming public will be properly informed about the nutritional contents and value of the milk they consume. The quality of milk will likewise be upgraded in order to conform with the proper nutritional standards.

In view hereof, the early passage of this proposed measure is highly recommended.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE IDENTITY OF MILK AND
REQUIRING THE LABELING THEREOF**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act may be cited as the "Milk Nutrition and
Labeling Act of 2007."

SEC. 2. *Milk Labeling.* - The following standards shall apply in identifying milk:

- (a) Fluid milk shall indicate on its label such portion of milk which is non-fat;
- (b) (1) Skim milk, that is in its final package form for beverage use, shall
contain not less than nine percent (9%) of milk solids that are non-fat;
(2) Milk, that is in its final package form for beverage use, shall contain
not less than ten percent (10%) of milk solids that are non-fat;
(3) Milk, that is in its final package form for beverage use, shall contain
not less than 8.7 percent of milk solids that are nonfat.

(c) The label on any milk product shall prominently display the nutritional
contents and value of the milk (i.e. protein).

SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
remain valid and subsisting.

SEC 4. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or
inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby amended or repealed, modified or
amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
circulation.

Approved,