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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 STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL FOOD PROCESSING
INDUSTRY THROUGH HAZARD ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL POINT
CERTIFICATION AS ENDORSED BY THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* reported last 12 April 2012 that, according to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), food processing firms, particularly those in Mindanao, who comply with international food quality and safety requirements help generate more livelihood opportunities among local farmers;

WHEREAS, the report said that these food processing firms who acquire hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) certification with the assistance of USAID enabled them to become globally competitive;

WHEREAS, according to the statement from the USAID, HACCP is increasingly becoming a standard requirement for export markets because it is a systematic approach to food safety and quality that limits potential physical, chemical, and biological hazards in food production;

WHEREAS, USAID also reportedly said that food processing firms generally experience a sharp rise in the number of interested buyers from other countries after getting their HACCP certification, prompting them to source more raw materials from farmer-suppliers to keep up with the demand;

WHEREAS, Congress should study the possibility of requiring food processing firms in the country to apply and acquire HACCP certifications to improve the quality and safety of their products both for the consumption of domestic and foreign markets;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to direct the proper Senate committee, to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on strengthening the local food processing industry through hazard analysis and critical control point certification as endorsed by the United States Agency for International Development .

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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