


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RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO LOOK INTO ISSUES AND CONTROVERSIES SURROUNDING THE FAILURE OF SOME COOPERATIVES TO OBTAIN IMPORT AND/OR EXPORT LICENSE OR PERMIT**

**WHEREAS**, it is declared a policy of the State to foster the creation and growth of Cooperatives as a practical vehicle for promoting self-reliance and harnessing people power towards the attainment of economic development and social justice;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate Committee on Cooperatives received reports that on certain instances the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) failed to recognize some cooperatives as legitimate exporters;

**WHEREAS**, a cooperative engaged in garment subcontracting approached the Senate Committee on Cooperatives and sought wisdom from the Committee with the dilemma it is facing as it attempted to secure an Import and/or Export License to market its products internationally;

**WHEREAS**, said cooperative approached the DTI in Makati City to inquire on the procedure in obtaining an Import and/or Export License, to which the DTI referred the cooperative to its attached agency, the Board of Investment (BOI);

**WHEREAS**, in the BOI, the cooperative was told that it has not encountered a cooperative being given a BOI registration, thus they were advised to look into the Special Economic Zone Act of 1995 or the PEZA Law instead;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to look into this matter and define the circumstances by which our cooperatives may or may not engage in export business, such as the case of above-mentioned cooperative which is losing clients from abroad because of its exportation dilemma and employment of its 1,649 members are compromised since operations of the cooperative is affected by said predicament;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to enlighten our cooperatives regarding procedures and processes involved in securing such permits for them to fully optimize their potentials as business entities and for them to be able to promote their products in the global market;

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to look into issues and controversies surrounding the failure of some cooperatives to obtain import and/or export license or permit.

Adopted,

  
JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI