CONGRESS COMMITTEE ON TRADE TACKLES EXPANDED PRICE ACT

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In the afternoon of 30 June 2021, PAGASA was a member of the Technical Working Group of the Congressional Committee on Trade & Industry under Deputy House Speaker Valenzuela Rep. Wesley Gatchalian. The TWG was very ably chaired by Nueva Ecija Rep. Ria Vergara and Committee Secretary Valentin Palanca. The TWG tackled the Expanded Price Act of 2021 elaborating the role & function of the National Price Coordinating Council (NPCC) of which PAGASA is a Council Member. PAGASA's STC commented on the unfairness by which DTI's SRP is administered on food retailers. Carling Cabochan of PCCTA mentions the same. We are requested to submit our Position Papers on our contention to this Body. PRA Chairman Atty. Paul Santos admonishes strongly that retailers remain as members of the NPCC as the latter will be fined heavily for violations of the Price Act. Consumers were actively represented by Jose Paredes Pepito of the Nationwide Association for Consumers, Inc. and Atty. Mario Victorio Dimagiba of the Laban Konsyumer, Inc.