

## TWG MEETING AT SENATE ON EXPANDED CONSUMER ACT

Thursday, 04 May 2017

On 4 May 2017, PAGASA was invited to the deliberations for the Internal Rules & Regulations (IRR) of the Expanded Consumer Act by the Senate Committee on Trade, Industry & Entrepreneurship based on the bills filed by Senators Bam Aquino & Ralph Recto to update the public on circumstances surrounding online retailing and the newer forms of modern commerce. At the session were DTI Usec. Ted Pascua and Laban Konsumer Chairman (& former DTI Usec. Vic Dimagiba) who "battled" it out over definitions, semantics and legal parlance on certain terms, clauses and stipulations of the proposed Expanded Consumer Act of the Philippines. Session was adjourned by 1pm and to be continued at a later date. Though a lot of the participants were barristers, STC gave his practical two-cents perspective on a more realistic approach on how things are done in the workplace regarding sales and consumers' rights. ^^