

CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON FOOD WASTAGE

Tuesday, 10 October 2017

PAGASA was invited to a hearing on the Congressional Committee on Food Security on 10 October 2017 to act as a Resource Speaker on food wastage in supermarkets. PAGASA Pres. Steven T. Cua attested to the fact that supermarkets have practically zero wastage as bad orders are returned to suppliers. Having explained to the members of this Committee of the industry practice regarding bad orders, STC requested that supermarkets be excluded from being mentioned in the proposed bill. However, the Members of the Committee argued that even if that is the case, they see no harm in adding supermarkets to their list of establishments with food wastage (even if there is none) since it will be very difficult to add these establishments (i.e., supermarkets) again in the future should the occasion arise that supermarkets may, sometime in the future, experience food wastage. This being the argument, STC posed no objection to their adding "supermarkets" in their list of establishments to be monitored (for food wastage) in this proposed bill.