## SECOND TWG MEET FOR PAGASA ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Monday, 23 January 2023 Last Updated Wednesday, 15 February 2023

Out of the six TWG Meetings to amend the Consumer Act of the Phils., PAGASA is invited to three which concerns retailers> first one on 16 January (last week) and the second one on 23 January 2023 (today). Four & half hours of discussion ranging from definition of a direct seller vs. an online seller, strengthening of consumer rights groups and revival of the National Consumers Affair Council (NCAC) to consumer's rights on new professional services like laundromats. Meeting was very capably handled by Mr. Jonatan Lopez (in photo) as this TWG's Chairman.At this Meet were Mr. Eric Silva from the House of Representative's Committee on Trade & Industry (for Rep. Marnie Mariño), PRA Chairman Atty. Paul Santos, DTI FTEB Dir. Marimel Porciuncula to defend DTI's perspective & definition of terms, DTI's Marilen Montañez of the Policy Bureau, Bulacan Consumer Affairs Council's Mr. Sosa, Leah Manotok from the Dept. of Justice, Food & Drug Administration's PCPI Lilibeth Escueta as well as 27 other participants/observers.

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