CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION ON THE IRR OF THE EPR ACT

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PAGASA was represented by William Villanueva and STC on 8 February 2023 to the online presentation by the National Ecology Center on the Internal Rules and Regulations of the Extended Producers Responsibilty. A series of meetings attended by PAGASA led to this output.This Law was passed on 12 Aug. 2022. Obliged Enterprises (entities with at least P100M in sales per year & voluntarily for those smaller than these which have plastic parts/packaging of their manufactured goods to recover after use by consumers) are required to submit their EPR Programs by 12 Feb. 2023 to the National Ecological Center (i.e., 6 mos. after the bill was enacted into law). They also have to submit EPR Compliance & Audit Reports (ECAR) regularly to the National Ecology Center after registration. Close to 1,000 members joined this Zoom Meet. Illustrated here is the cycle of life of plastics/packaging distributed into the market and the schedule of plastic packaging to be retrieved by manufacturers from the economy starting with 20% for the year 2023 progressing yearly by 20% annually until it reaches 80%> the ideal recovery rate expected from all manufacturers. This should clean up our economy of litter, sewerage blockages & microplastics leading out into the sea.