

## INTERVIEW ON TAXING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

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On 25 April 2023, CNN9 News' Lois Calderon interviewed PAGASA's Steven T. Cua regarding the Executive Branch's initiative to tax the public for the consumption of single-use plastic bags in supermarkets and other retail outlets. It seems there "may" exist a case of double taxation here as plastic bag manufacturers are recently taxed P20 per kilo of plastic bags produced. This is passed on to retailers and is most damagingly passed on to consumers in areas where single-use plastic bags are allowed by LGUs. Now these same set of consumers will be taxed again for the same item?