# PAGASA'S COMMENTS ON INITIATING TAX ON SALTED FOODS AND ADDITIONAL TAXES ON SWEETENED BEVERAGES

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On the same morning of 24 June 2023, PAGASA's STC guested online over Teleradyo's "Bida Konsyumer" program hosted by Alvin Elchico and DZRH by commentator Henry Uri regarding proposal by DOF to increase taxes on sweetened beverages & introduce taxes on salted foods. Regarding the potential passing of this Bill into law, STC mentioned the potential drop in employment of concerned manufacturers as a minus factor, lack of options for the daily wage earner when it comes to snacking (alternatives are bananaque, kwek kwek, isaw isaw, IUD and other street food) and stressed on the need for authorities to focus on information dissemination to the public regarding balanced diet & disciplined food intake. PAGASA Director Robert Go/Prince Retail Group was also interviewed by the press in the Visayas region about this ill-timed Bill.