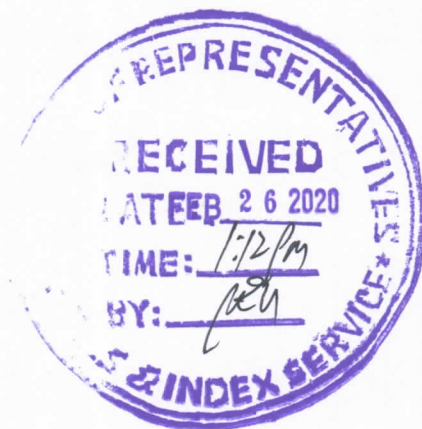


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Introduced by Honorable Deogracias Victor 'DV' B. Savellano

RESOLUTION

URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT SUSPENSION OF THE PHILIPPINE STANDARD (PS) LICENSES OF SIX STEEL MANUFACTURERS IN 2019

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) issued a statement to contradict a report made by a product standards and quality group that the government has failed to take action against retailers and manufacturers of substandard steel;

WHEREAS, in reality, the DTI suspended the Philippine Standard (PS) licenses of six steel manufacturers in 2019 for failing the independent testing commissioned by the DTI-Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) from the Metals Industry Research and Development Center (MIRDC);

WHEREAS, the suspension order resulted from unannounced surveillance audits conducted by the BPS in 2019 on various steel manufacturing plants in the country;

WHEREAS, Maxima Steel Mills Corp. was suspended for deformed steel bar and equal leg angle bar while Henro Steel Corp. and Somico Steel Corporation for rerolled steel bars ;

WHEREAS, the Meycauayan Bulacan Plant of Steel Asia and Sagarthama Steel Trading Corporation were also suspended for deformed steel bars.;

WHEREAS, lastly, Cathay Metal Corp. was also suspended for equal leg angle bar;

WHEREAS, DTI declared, that for the whole of 2019, it penalized a total of 42 retailers and manufacturers of steel which is a clear contrast to the claim of a product safety

and quality group that the Department failed to charge violating steel manufacturers and traders for substandard steel products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT SUSPENSION OF THE PHILIPPINE STANDARD (PS) LICENSES OF SIX STEEL MANUFACTURERS IN 2019.

Adopted,


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