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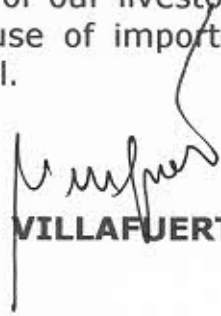
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines should not be made a dumping ground of goods of whatever kind, the manufacture and sale of which is prohibited in the country of origin.

There have been numerous reports that pharmaceutical preparations, insecticides, beauty aid preparations, weight control drugs and varied consumer items; the manufacture, sale or use of which is prohibited in the country of origin have found their way into the domestic market. Some cases have been established to have caused injurious effects to human life, livestock and vegetation. For sure, these foods have been banned in their country of origin because of the harmful effects of their use. This must be stopped.

This Bill seeks to eradicate this pervicious practice by requiring a clearance certificate from the proper government agency in the country of origin stating that the manufacture, sale or use of the goods covered by the certificate is not prohibited in that country. In addition, violation of the provisions of this act shall be penalized.

The well-being of our people and the preservation of our livestock and vegetation against uncontrolled and unscrupulous use of imported goods is the strongest argument for the passage of this bill.


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**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION, DOMESTIC SALE OR
USE OF GOODS, THE MANUFACTURE, SALE OR USE OF WHICH
IS BANNED IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress
assembled:*

1 **SECTION 1. Definition of Terms.**

2 a. The term "goods" when used in any part of this bill shall
3 mean, any article of manufacture of whatever nature or kind,
4 chemical or pharmaceutical preparations, base materials in
5 unprocessed form, or chemical components,

6 b. "Country of Origin" – shall refer to the country where the
7 goods were shipped last before it arrived in the Philippines.

8 **SEC. 2.** It shall be prohibited for any person, corporation or entity,
9 to import, sell or use goods, the manufacture. Sale or use of which is
10 prohibited in the country of origin of such goods.

11 **SEC. 3.** Any person, corporation or entity importing goods shall
12 include among its shipping documents, a clearance certificate from the
13 Department of Trade and Industry or equivalent office of the country of

1 origin of the goods that the manufacture, sale or use of the same in that
2 country is not prohibited by law.

3 **SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.***– The Department
4 of Trade and Industry, and the Department of Health, assisted by the
5 appropriate attached agencies shall formulate and issue such rules and
6 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act. The implementing
7 rules and regulations shall, from time to time, publish specific goods that
8 are banned in their country of origin.

9 **SEC. 5.** Any violation of the provisions of this Act shall be
10 punishable by imprisonment of from six (6) months and one (1) day to
11 two (2) years or a fine of at least Ten Thousand (P10,000.00) Pesos to
12 Fifty Thousand (P50,000.00) Pesos or both depending upon the harmful
13 effects of the goods sold or used.

14 **Sec. 6.** This Act shall take immediate effect upon its approval.

Approved,