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MEMORANDUM

TO : **The Directors**
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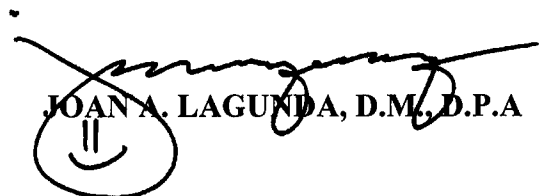
FROM : The Assistant Secretary
Field Operations-Mindanao and Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT : **INVITATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD**

This pertains to the letter dated 09 February 2021, from **REP. ANGELINA "Helen" TAN** TWG Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture and Food, inviting the DENR to a meeting on **17 February 2021 (Wednesday), 9:00M via Zoom Video conferencing with Meeting ID: 82785533861 Password: 045760**, to further study the various measures on the Development of the Cacao Industry

Kindly inform this Office of your attendance before the scheduled date of the meeting and submit presentation, comments and/or position paper in hard and soft copy at the Legislative Liaison Office at telephone number 8920-1761 and e-mail address denrlegislative@yahoo.com for consolidation.

Attached are copies of the matrix of the bills and the proposed substitute bill, for your ready reference.


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Dear Sir/Mam,


Good Day!


Please find attached letter invitation from the Committee on Agriculture and Food for your perusal. Kindly acknowledge receipt of the email. Thank you.


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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by: Hon. Angeline "Helen" D. Tan

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE CACAO INDUSTRY, CREATING FOR THE
PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE CACAO COUNCIL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Cacao
2 Industry Development Act".¹

3 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the state to
4 develop a sustainable and competitive cacao industry that is environmentally sound,
5 economically viable, socially desirable and aimed to spur development through
6 livelihood creation, job generation, and income augmentation thereby contributing to
7 poverty alleviation, inclusive growth, and peace and order attainment particularly in
8 the rural areas.² Towards this end, the State shall promote and support the
9 sustained production of Philippine cacao and increase value adding activities, by
10 allocating adequate financial resources to the cacao industry towards the attainment
11 of its full potential in the domestic and international markets, and making cacao as
12 one of the leading agricultural exports of the country.

13 **Sec. 3. Objectives.** – This Act aims to achieve the following objectives:
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¹ H.B. No. 1495 provision but added "Philippine";

² Roadmap

- 1 a. To enhance and increase the production of cacao through expansion
2 and/or rehabilitation of cacao production areas;
- 3 b. To formulate strategies and craft action plans, anchored on the value
4 chain approach that will provide development interventions from farm to
5 market and bean to bar for an enhanced and sustainable growth of the
6 Philippine cacao industry;
- 7 c. To improve the country's cacao seed system and production of quality
8 planting materials to ensure traceability and reliability of cacao
9 plantations;
- 10 d. To institutionalize adaptive sustainable land management system with the
11 participation of smallholders and private sector in nursery establishments
12 and commercial-scale plantations for inclusive agribusiness;³
- 13 e. To optimize local production capacity by providing improved and climate
14 resilient technologies for cacao production and modern technologies for
15 processing cacao beans and the application of sustainable agricultural
16 practices towards meeting world standards for competitiveness;⁴
- 17 f. To integrate and harmonize programs, projects, and activities of
18 government agencies and the private sector supportive of the short,
19 medium, and long-term agenda of the cacao industry;⁵
- 20 g. To encourage private sector investment in agribusiness through policy
21 reforms and advocacy, investment promotion, access to financing, and
22 cost-effective incentives;⁶
- 23 h. To promote Philippine cacao in the local market and in the international
24 market⁷ by providing the needed marketing support through a proactive
25 product and market development program that will position Philippine
26 cacao in the local and global markets;
- 27 i. To uplift the welfare and increase the income opportunities of the
28 country's smallholder cacao farmers, producers, processors, and
29 retailers, including their dependent families, by improving their productive

³DA-OSEC

⁴H.B. No. 1495 provision; incorporated the comments of DA-AMAS;

⁵Roadmap;

⁶H.B. 1495 provision

⁷With similar H.B. No. 1495 provision;

1 capacities and enhancing production quality towards attaining inclusive
2 growth;⁸

3 j. To provide technology upgrading and continuous innovation in the
4 design, manufacturing, and/or assembly of locally-produced farm
5 equipment and post-harvest tools for cacao production and processing to
6 improve productivity and efficiencies;⁹

7 k. To create a proactive and responsive national implementing office that
8 will review, approve, implement, monitor and evaluate cacao-related
9 programs, projects, and activities to ensure the focused development of
10 the cacao industry that is aligned with the Philippine Cacao Industry
11 Roadmap and subsequent program extension and cacao industry
12 development plans; and

13 l. To harness, strengthen, and enhance existing participatory
14 mechanisms to ensure full engagement and active participation of various
15 stakeholders in the development of the cacao industry.

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17 **Sec. 4. *The Philippine Cacao Industry Development Program.***¹⁰ – To ensure
18 a harmonized and collaborative implementation of policies, programs and projects
19 for the advancement, industry-wide development, and inclusive growth of the cacao
20 industry through a value chain approach, as well as increased and sustained yield
21 and income; improved farm productivity and enhancement of farmers' capabilities
22 and skills; and to achieve the objectives set forth in this Act, the 2017-2022
23 Philippine Cacao Industry Roadmap, crafted in consultation with the cacao industry
24 stakeholders and approved by the Secretaries of the Department of Agriculture and
25 the Department of Trade and Industry on March 7, 2017, including any updates
26 thereon, is hereby adopted.

27 The Philippine Cacao Industry Roadmap shall serve as a vital document to
28 provide direction to the cacao industry stakeholders for the optimal realization of the
29 targets towards a sustainable and globally competitive Philippine Cacao Industry that

⁸With similar H.B. No. 1495 provision

⁹DA-OSEC

¹⁰With similar H.B. No. 1495 provision;

1 will likewise contribute to attaining food security and poverty alleviation.¹¹ The
2 strategic interventions, programs and other activities from the national down to the
3 local levels shall be anchored on the roadmap.¹² It shall be regularly reviewed and
4 evaluated to determine the accomplishment of its targets. It shall likewise be
5 continually and regularly updated in consultation with industry stakeholders to make
6 it consistent with, and adaptive to, the current industry situation.

7 **Sec. 5** *The Philippine Cacao Industry Council.* –For a focused and
8 harmonized implementation of the Philippine Cacao Industry Roadmap and of the
9 provisions of this Act, and to catalyze, provide leadership, and proactively engage
10 stakeholders in the promotions and development of a champion cacao
11 industry¹³, there is hereby created a Philippine Cacao Council. The Council, which
12 shall be constituted within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, shall be
13 attached administratively to the Department of Agriculture and shall have the
14 following composition:

- 15 a. Secretary of Department of Agriculture (DA), as Chairman;
- 16 b. Secretary of Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), as Vice-
17 Chairman;
- 18 c. Secretary of Department of Science and Technology (DOST), as
19 member;¹⁴
- 20 d. Secretary of Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), as
21 member;
- 22 e. Commissioner of Commission on Higher Education (CHED), as
23 member;
- 24 f. President of Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), as
25 member;
- 26 g. Two (2) private sector representatives from Luzon;
- 27 h. Two (2) private sector representatives from Visayas; and
- 28 i. Two (2) private sector representatives from Mindanao.

¹¹ Roadmap provision;

¹² Roadmap provision;

¹³ DA-OSEC;

¹⁴ H.B. 1495 provisions;

1 The government sector representatives in the Council may appoint an official
2 alternate with a rank of an Undersecretary or its equivalent. The official alternate
3 shall possess the same powers as the Heads of the above-named government
4 agencies and whose acts shall be considered as acts of the heads of office being
5 represented.

6 Representatives from the private sector shall be appointed by the government
7 sector representatives in the Council from among the officers and members of
8 existing regional organizations and associations of cacao farmers and other private
9 stakeholders of each island. Each private sector representative shall be chosen
10 based on the following minimum qualifications:¹⁵

- 11 a. Must be a resident and citizen of the Philippines;
- 12 b. Must be an active member of a non-government cacao organization,
13 association or cooperative, or known and recognized in the cacao industry
14 as an expert in cacao;¹⁶
- 15 c. Must be engaged in cacao production, research and development,
16 processing, promotion, or in any activity in the cacao value chain from
17 production to local and/or international marketing;¹⁷ and
- 18 d. Must be a person of integrity, respected by the industry, and willing to
19 serve with utmost responsibility and efficiency.

20 The private sector representatives shall serve for a period of two (2) years.
21 When a vacancy arises due to the resignation, removal for cause, death or
22 incapacity of a member, a replacement shall be appointed who shall serve for the
23 remainder of the representative's term of office.

24 Government sector representatives shall not be entitled to compensation in
25 the discharge of their functions in the Council but they shall be entitled to
26 reimbursement of any reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their
27 functions. Privatesector representatives shall be entitled to honoraria or allowances

¹⁵ As discussed during the meeting of DA, DTI and DOST on August 11, 2020

¹⁶ DA-OSEC (A farmer representative who is a member of Cacao Farmers' Organization which is either a cooperative or association registered under the Philippine laws – this is the same as (b);

¹⁷ DA-OSEC (A representative from cacao processors association who may be engaged in local production and/or exports – same as (c) above;

1 for the expenses incurred in the discharge of their functions as members of the
2 Council.

3 **Sec. 6. Powers and Functions.** - The Council shall have the following general
4 powers and functions:

- 5 a. Formulate, adopt and implement sustainable and industry-wide
6 development policies and programs to steer the growth of the cacao
7 industry towards increased production of fine quality Philippine cacao and
8 its intensive marketing and promotions for domestic and export markets¹⁸;
- 9 b. Through the Cacao Program Management Office¹⁹, oversee the
10 implementation of the Philippine Cacao Industry Roadmap;
- 11 c. Ensure the availability of adequate funding for the accomplishment of
12 the targets in the roadmap, and compliance with the declared policies
13 and attainment of the objectives of this Act;
- 14 d. Establish Cacao Centers of Excellence in major cacao producing
15 regions or in areas suitable for cacao production, and formulate the
16 criteria and guidelines for such establishment;
- 17 e. Ensure the conduct of relevant research, scientific study and feasible
18 marketing strategies;²⁰
- 19 f. In collaboration with the Information and Communications Technology
20 Services of the implementing agencies, establish, maintain and integrate
21 a web-based Cacao Production and Farmers Information System which
22 shall be linked to the Farmers and Fisherfolk Enterprise Development
23 Information System (FFEDIS) of the DA established pursuant to Section
24 10 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11321 or the Sagip Saka Act and its
25 Implementing Rules and Regulations.
- 26 g. Ensure the establishment of cacao production and post-production/
27 value-adding facilities; adoption and use of modern and advanced²¹

¹⁸ H.B. No. 1495 provision;

¹⁹ HVCRC

²⁰ H.B. 1495 provisions

²¹ DOST

1 technologies²² for a more²³ profitable, efficient, safe, and environmentally
2 friendly²⁴ cacao production²⁵;

3 h. Establish a system for the conduct of capacity building, education, and
4 training of cacao farmers and their organizations;²⁶

5 i. Serve as the official platform/venue for convergence on policy-making
6 and operations relative to the cacao industry, and to call upon, coordinate
7 and/or collaborate with other agencies of the government, including
8 bureaus, or government-owned and -controlled corporation, local
9 government units, other concerned agencies, the private sector, and
10 other stakeholders;

11 j. Formulate policies and programs to promote agribusiness ventures on
12 cacao industry;²⁷

13 k. Establish linkages and collaborate with national and international
14 organizations, development institutions and funding networks of the
15 cacao industry;²⁸

16 l. In coordination with the Agricultural Credit Policy Council and other
17 credit facilities and the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation, formulate
18 and recommend policies and programs on easy access credit programs²⁹
19 and provision of crop insurance for the cacao industry stakeholders;

20 m. Officially represent the industry in national and international cacao
21 events and fora;

22 n. Serve as the sole authorized body in the conduct of major cacao events
23 and activities such as cacao congress, conference, cacao cupping/
24 sensory and other relevant activities for the promotion of the cacao
25 industry;

26 o. Promote and pursue Philippine cacao branding such as denomination
27 of origin, Geographical Indications, etc.;

²² DOST

²³ HVCRC

²⁴ DOST

²⁵ HVCRC

²⁶ With similar H.B. 1495 provisions;

²⁷ DA-AMAS

²⁸ With similar H.B. 1495 provisions;

²⁹ H.B. No. 1495 provision;

- 1 p. Develop efficient and effective marketing and promotions systems of
2 cacao for domestic and export markets;³⁰
3 q. Review, harmonize and update existing standards on cacao and direct
4 or recommend the crafting of additional standards, as necessary;
5 r. Review existing and recommend new legislation to develop the cacao
6 industry and promote the welfare of cacao stakeholders;
7 s. Formulate consultation mechanism to ensure that farmers, farm
8 workers, processors, and other stakeholders of the cacao industry may
9 actively participate in policy-making, strategic planning, implementation
10 monitoring and feedback needs and concerns of the cacao industry³¹.
11 t. Mobilize existing nationwide network of consultative mechanisms to
12 ensure multi-stakeholders' participation in the policy development,
13 strategic planning, and monitoring and feedback in the implementation of
14 the Philippine Cacao Industry Development Program;³² and
15 u. Perform other functions and duties as may be necessary.
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17 **Sec. 7. Meetings.** –The Council shall regularly meet at least once every
18 quarter, or as often as the Chairperson deems necessary. The presence of the
19 majority of all the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. The use of
20 digital technology in the conduct of meetings and approval of Council Resolutions
21 shall be allowed, subject to such security measures as the Council shall implement.

22 **Sec. 8. Cacao Program Management Office.** –To manage, oversee and
23 ensure the implementation of the Philippine Cacao Industry Roadmap, the Cacao
24 Program Management Office (Cacao PMO) is hereby created. It shall be headed by
25 an Executive Director to be designated by the Chairperson of the Council and shall
26 be under the supervision of the DA Undersecretary in charge of High Value Crops.

27 The Executive Director shall identify the personnel of the Cacao PMO,
28 subject to the approval of the Council. The salaries and positions of the personnel of

³⁰ H.B. 1495 provisions

³¹ PCAF; with similar H.B. 1495 provisions;

³² PCAF's provision August 18, 2020 comments;

1 the Cacao PMO shall be based on the Revised Compensation and Position
2 Classification System and other civil service rules and regulations.

3 **Sec. 9. *Functions of the Cacao Program Management Office.*** –The Cacao
4 PMO shall manage and ensure the implementation of the Philippine Cacao Industry
5 Roadmap and shall identify and recommend to the Council the strategic programs,
6 projects, and interventions to be prioritized for implementation. It shall further:

- 7 a. Provide support services for the coordination and monitoring of the
8 implementation of the programs, policies and plans formulated pursuant to
9 this Act;
- 10 b. Ensure that the roadmaps and other programs are implemented and
11 targets accomplished;
- 12 c. Establish a monitoring and evaluation system by which the Cacao
13 Development Programs shall be evaluated;
- 14 d. Execute policy decision of the Council;
- 15 e. Prepare quarterly report on the implementation of the roadmap to be
16 submitted to the Council;
- 17 f. Prepare annual work plan and operating budget of the Council and the
18 Cacao PMO for approval of the Council;
- 19 g. Recommend policies and procedures for Council approval;
- 20 h. Function as the Secretariat of the Council and provide general
21 administrative and technical support;
- 22 i. Coordinate with the appropriate government agency and private
23 institutions in the establishment of an accurate cacao industry data; and
- 24 j. Perform other related functions as may be assigned by the Council.

25 **Sec. 10. *Regional Cacao Councils (RCC)*** –For an effective and efficient
26 implementation of the provisions of this Act, the Council shall create Regional Cacao
27 Councils in cacao-producing regions which shall be composed of the following:

- 28 a. Regional Director of DA, as Chairman;
- 29 b. Regional Director of DTI, as Vice-Chairman;
- 30 c. Regional Director of DOST, as member;

- 1 d. Regional Chairperson, League of Provinces of the Philippines, as member;
2 e. Three (3) private sector representatives of the cacao industry in the region,
3 who shall be chosen by the government representatives of the RCC from a
4 list of at least three (3) nominees from the Regional Agriculture and
5 Fisheries Council. They shall have the same term and qualifications as
6 the private sector representatives in the Council.

7 The functions of the RCC shall include but not be limited to the following:

- 8 a. Implement the Philippine Cacao Industry Roadmap, including any
9 revisions and updates thereof in the region;
10 b. Coordinate and collaborate with partner agencies in the region and with
11 the local government units;
12 c. Monitor and assess the implementation of the roadmap in their respective
13 region;
14 d. Prepare the Annual Work and Financial Plan of the RCC;
15 e. Regularly submit a report to the Council on the status of the
16 implementation of the roadmap to include the issues and challenges
17 encountered;
18 f. Upon consultation with the cacao industry stakeholders, make policy
19 recommendations that will enhance existing practices;
20 g. Assist in the conduct of survey, profiling, review, and evaluation of
21 information/data for the regional cacao industry database; and
22 h. Perform such other necessary functions that may be assigned by the
23 Council.

24 The RCC shall be assisted by a support staff to be determined and approved
25 by the RCC.

26 **Sec. 11. Establishment of Cacao Centers of Excellence (Centers).** – For the
27 enhanced development of the Philippine Cacao Industry, the DA shall establish and
28 maintain Cacao Centers of Excellence in major cacao-producing regions and in
29 areas suitable for cacao production. The establishment and operations of the Center
30 shall be subject to such criteria and guidelines as may be formulated by the Council.

1 In coordination and collaboration with the DOST, relevant government agencies and
2 State Universities and Colleges, the Centers shall function as follows:

- 3 a. Organize systematic programs to improve cacao production including the
4 development of effective production and post-production systems to
5 produce fine cacao;³³
- 6 b. Serve as cacao farmer resource center for cacao production from farm to
7 market and from bean to bar, to include best practices aligned with the
8 world standards in the cacao value and supply chains;
- 9 c. Serve as product development hub for value-added cacao and cacao by-
10 products as results of continuous research and development;
- 11 d. Serve as the central site for networking and training;
- 12 e. Develop capacity building programs and initiatives for cacao farmers and
13 other stakeholders in the cacao value chain;³⁴
- 14 f. Assess, establish, and conduct collaborative research on emerging
15 technology on cacao;³⁵
- 16 g. Establish and maintain cacao bean grading laboratory to improve and
17 maintain cacao quality;
- 18 h. Develop pool of experts of certified cacao graders and promote culture of
19 cacao bean profiling and grading using the globally accepted standards
20 and protocols with the following core implementing functions: cacao
21 research and development, technology transfer and capacity building,
22 socio-economics evaluation, and policy research;
- 23 i. Develop new clonal varieties which are high yielding, good quality, and
24 pest and disease-resistant cacao varieties which can be easily mass
25 propagated.³⁶
- 26 j. Provide technical assistance on nursery establishment, planting systems
27 and rehabilitation of farms;³⁷
- 28 k. Develop efficient, sustainable, productive, modern and advanced post-
29 harvest and processing technologies for cacao beans;³⁸

³³ H.B. 1495 provisions;

³⁴ DOST

³⁵ DOST

³⁶ With similar H.B. 1495 provisions;

³⁷ H.B. 1495 provisions, incorporated DA-AMAS comments;

- 1 l. Establish and conduct collaborative research and other scientific studies,³⁹
2 m. Partner with accredited training centers and implement cacao farming
3 schools as the major channels for technology transfer;⁴⁰
4 n. Develop and implement programs on capacity-building activities for cacao
5 farmers and other stakeholders in the cacao value chain,⁴¹
6 o. Establish and maintain a germplasm collection and gene bank for cacao,⁴²
7 and
8 p. Perform other functions as may be necessary.

9 The Council shall prioritize establishment of Centers in existing facilities of the
10 DA, DTI, and of State Universities and Colleges. It may likewise collaborate and
11 partner with the private sector in the establishment of the Center.

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13 **Sec. 12. Whole of Government Approach.**—To further strengthen the
14 convergence and the consultative and collaborative mechanism particularly in the
15 regions, all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of government, including
16 government-owned or –controlled corporations (GOCCs), shall give their support,
17 perform their functions and deliver the required services under this Act in accordance
18 with their respective mandates as provided in their charters and under existing laws,
19 provide assistance and cooperation to the Council in discharging its functions and
20 more importantly, in implementing the Philippine Cacao Industry Roadmap, to
21 include but not limited to the following:

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23 a. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR);
24 b. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
25 c. National Economic Development Authority (NEDA);
26 d. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
27 e. State Universities and Colleges;
28 f. Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);
29 g. Government financing institutions;

³⁸ H.B. 1495 provisions;

³⁹ H.B. 1495 provisions;

⁴⁰ DOST

⁴¹ DA-AMAS;

⁴² H.B. 1495 provisions;

- 1 h. Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA); and
- 2 i. Other agencies or institutions as deemed necessary.

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4 The Council shall ensure that an effective platform is established for the active
5 participation of all stakeholders in the cacao industry for consultative and continuing
6 discussions affecting the cacao industry from the national level to the regional,
7 provincial, and municipal levels.

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9 **Sec. 13. *The Role of Local Government Units (LGUs).*** – Recognizing the role,
10 participation and support of the LGUs in the delivery and implementation of
11 agricultural projects and programs, the Council and the RCC shall coordinate and
12 establish partnerships with the LGUs for the implementation of this Act.

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14 The LGUs with areas suitable for cacao production are hereby encouraged to
15 align their cacao production projects with the roadmap. They may likewise provide
16 counterpart funding and services to boost the production of cacao in their jurisdiction.

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18 **Sec. 14. *Local Cacao Shops.*** - All shops serving cacao or chocolate drink,
19 including local and foreign franchises, restaurants and hotels are encouraged to
20 serve and include in their menus cacao/chocolate that are grown, produced,
21 sourced and manufactured locally.

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23 For purposes of this Section, the DTI, shall conduct a separate consultation
24 with relevant stakeholders, including cacao shop owners and franchisees, for the
25 formulation of the guidelines to implement this section. The guidelines shall be
26 incorporated in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Act.

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28 The DTI shall be the lead agency in the implementation of this Section.

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30 **Sec. 15. *Tax Incentives.*** – Any donation, contribution, grant, in cash or in kind,
31 whether local or foreign, which may be made by individuals and organizations,
32 including private entities, which shall provide the appropriate services, technology,
33 facilities, materials and other inputs, and delivery support services for the promotion

1 and development of the Philippine cacao industry, shall be exempt from the donor's
2 tax and the cost of which shall be considered as an allowable deduction from the
3 gross income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal
4 Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

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6 **Sec. 16. *Review of the Roadmap.*** – The Council, in coordination with the
7 Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) and other relevant
8 stakeholders, shall update the Philippine Cacao Industry Roadmap every five (5)
9 years, or sooner as may be deemed necessary.

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11 A yearly review and assessment of the implementation of the roadmap shall be
12 conducted by the Council in coordination with the PCAF and other relevant
13 stakeholders to determine the accomplishment of the cacao industry as provided in
14 the roadmap, and to identify the gaps, issues and challenges in its implementation.

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16 **Sec. 17. *Mandatory Review and Impact Assessment.*** – The Council, in
17 partnership with the PCAF and other concerned government agencies, the private
18 sector and other stakeholders, shall conduct a mandatory review of the
19 implementation of this Act, and submit such report to Congress to assess its impact
20 and measure its effectiveness. The mandatory review and impact assessment shall
21 be conducted not later than five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act, and every
22 five (5) years thereafter.

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24 **Sec. 18. *Appropriation*** – The amount of fifty million pesos (Php50,000,000.00)
25 shall be allocated from the Special Activities Fund of the President of the Republic of
26 the Philippines or from any other sources that may be identified for the purpose for
27 the immediate operation and industry development as contained in Section 4
28 hereof.⁴³ Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this
29 Act and for the accomplishment of targets of the Philippine Cacao Industry Roadmap
30 shall be included as a separate line item in the budget of the DA, DTI, DOST, and of
31 the partner implementing agencies in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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⁴³ H.B. No. 1495 provisions.

1 **Sec. 19. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within one hundred twenty
2 (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DA, in
3 collaboration with the DTI, DOST, DILG, ULAP, and CHED, and in consultation the
4 DAR, DENR, PCA, FDA, cacao farmers' organization and association, and other
5 relevant stakeholders shall promulgate and issue the necessary implementing
6 rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act. The
7 implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect
8 thirty (30) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of
9 general circulation.

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11 **Sec. 20. *Separability Clause*** – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
12 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected
13 shall remain valid and subsisting.

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15 **Sec. 21. *Repealing Clause*** – All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive
16 orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with
17 or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby modified, amended, or repealed
18 accordingly. Nothing in this Act shall amend, modify or repeal the provisions of
19 Republic Act 7900, otherwise known as High-Value Crops Development Act of 1995.

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21 **Section 22. *Effectivity Clause*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
22 the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of
23 general circulation.

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25 *Approved,*

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