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## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

This refers to the affirmative preliminary findings of the Anti-Dumping Commission (ADC) on its continuation inquiry in response to the petition filed by the Golden Circle Limited (GCL) seeking the continuation of the anti-dumping measures (ADM) on **consumer and food service and industrial (FSI) pineapples** from the Philippines.

We are deeply concerned that the preliminary findings propose to increase the dumping duties for both consumer and FSI pineapples, e.g. by 138% for consumer pineapples. Considering that the imposition of ADM is supposed to terminate on its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this October, the proposal to continue and increase the duties would be a double whammy to our exporters.

We firmly believe that the findings lack merits because these failed to adequately consider the strong evidence presented by Dole Philippines, Inc. (DPI) against the allegations by GCL.

The Philippines is of the view that the dumping margin determination of ADC's recent inquiry is unwarranted as ADC failed to accept the arguments submitted by DPI on the "adjustments to normal value in respect of differences affecting price comparability". Such action is in violation to the pertinent provisions of Article 2.4 of Anti-Dumping Agreement of WTO that a fair comparison must be made between export price and normal value.

In this regard, we would like to reiterate our request to terminate the imposition of the measure, as DPI has proven in its evidences that they are not exporting canned pineapples to Australia at dumped prices.