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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	Notifying Member: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration, Philippines Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Food and Drug Administration, Philippines Department of Health Civic Drive, Filinvest Corporate City Alabang, Muntinlupa City Website: http://www.bfad.gov.ph Email: bfad@bfad.gov.ph
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Ethnic Flour-Based Confectioneries (Polvoron, Piaya, and Barquillos)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Final Draft Recommended Code of Practice for the Processing and Handling of Ethnic Flour-Based Confectioneries (Polvoron, Piaya, and Barquillos)
6.	Description of content: This notification is concerned with the receipt of raw materials and ingredients, preparation and processing of ethnic flour-based confectioneries (polvoron, piaya, and barquillos) as defined in this Code, in order to conform with the required standards stated in PNS/FDA No. __. Standards for Ethnic Flour-based Confectioneries (polovoron, Piaya, and Barquillos). The product shall be prepared from a basic mixture of flour and sugar. This Code is intended to provide guidelines to achieve compliance with the standards for ethnic flour-based confectioneries (polvoron, piaya, and barquillos) packed in any suitable packaging material and/or container.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To ensure that products are consistently manufactured, packed or repacked or held to a quality appropriate for the intended use.

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- A.O. No. 132 S. 1970 – Regulation Prescribing the Standard of Identity and Quality of Milk and Milk Products (B-4. 12-01). Bureau of Food and Drugs. Department of Health, Alabang, Muntinlupa City, Philippines
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- PNS/BAFPS 35:2005. Philippine National Standard: Table Egg. Bureau of Product Standards, Department of Trade and Industry, Makati City, Philippines
- PNS/BAFPS 36:2008. Philippine National Standard: Fresh Milk. Bureau of Product Standards, Department of Trade and Industry, Makati City, Philippines
- PNS/BAFPS 76:2010. Philippine National Standard: Coconut Sap Sugar. Bureau of Product Standards, Department of Trade and Industry, Makati City, Philippines
- PNS/BAFPS 81:2010. Philippine National Standard: Raw Cane Sugar. Bureau of Product Standards, Department of Trade and Industry, Makati City, Philippines
- PNS/BAFPS 82:2010. Philippine National Standard: White Sugar. Bureau of Product

Standards, Department of Trade and Industry, Makati City, Philippines R.A. 3720. Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Bureau of Food and Drugs. Department of Health. Alabang, Muntinlupa City, Philippines R.A. 9711. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Act of 2009. Bureau of Food and Drugs, Department of Health, Alabang, Muntinlupa City, Philippines Vaclavik, V. and E. Christian, 2008. Essentials of Food Science. 3rd edition. Springer Science Business Media, LLC., New York, USA.	
9. Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	} This order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in an official gazette of general circulation.
10.	Final date for comments: 14 August 2011
11.	Text available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: