

**COMPETITION ENFORCEMENT
OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINE
COMPETITION COMMISSION,**
Complainant,

- versus -

**PHILIPPINE VIEVA GROUP OF
COMPANIES, INC., TIAN LONG CORP.,
LA REINA FRESH VEGETABLES &
YOUNG INDOOR PLANTS, INC., YOM
TRADING CORPORATION, VEGETABLE
IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS & VENDORS
ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES
(VIEVA PHILS.) INC., GOLDEN SHINE
INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT
FORWARDERS CORP., MARK CASTRO
OCAMPO, NANCY CALLANTA ROSAL,
LILIA M. CRUZ, ERIC PABILONA,
RENATO V. FRANCISCO, JR., and LETTY
BACULANDO,**

Respondents.

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PCC Case No. E-2024-007

For: Violation of Sections 14(b)(2)
and 14(c) of Republic Act No. 10667

SUMMONS

TO: MARK CASTRO OCAMPO
as sole proprietor of Vegefru Producing Store

Please take notice that an administrative complaint for violation of Sections 14(b)(1) and 14(c) of Republic Act No. 10667 or the Philippine Competition Act has been filed against you by the Competition Enforcement Office (Complainant) before the Philippine Competition Commission (Commission).

The charge involves an alleged agreement among the named respondents to allocate the supply of imported onions in the Philippines, and to collude with each other, despite being competitors, to lessen competition in the market by agreeing to exchange

commercial information to coordinate their business operations. Complainant's detailed claims are stated in the *Statement of Objections* dated 09 July 2024.¹

In order to defend against this complaint, you are hereby directed, **within a non-extendible period of sixty (60) days** from publication of this Summons, to serve on Complainant and file with the Commission, your Verified Answer. The form and contents of the required Verified Answer are found in Section 4.24 of the 2017 Rules of Procedure of the Philippine Competition Commission (2017 PCC Rules of Procedure). The manner of filing the Verified Answer is governed by Sections 35 and 36 of the Interim Guidelines During Period of Community Quarantine dated 25 May 2021. Soft copies of your Verified Answer and its annexes must also be filed through docket@phcc.gov.ph.

A motion for extension of time to file a Verified Answer, a motion to dismiss, a motion for bill of particulars, or any similar submission filed or made under a different guise or title is prohibited and shall not be entertained. Any ground for dismissal should be included in your verified answer. Failure to file a Verified Answer within the period indicated in this Summons will authorize the Commission to render a decision as the records and evidence may warrant and impose the appropriate penalties and remedies.

Should you be represented by a counsel, a written formal entry of appearance should be filed by such counsel before the Commission within sixty (60) days from your receipt hereof. Such formal entry of appearance should contain the counsel's office, contact details, address, and email-address where notices, orders, decisions, any other documents emanating from the Commission may be served.

16 July 2024.

For the Commission:

(Originally Signed)

SHERYL FORTUNE V. SUPAPO-SANDIGAN
Director III, Office of the Commission Clerk and Sheriff

¹ Pursuant to Section 4.16, Article II, Rule IV of the 2017 Rules of Procedure of the PCC, Respondent shall obtain a copy of the Statement of Objections and its annexes in the earliest possible opportunity with the Philippine Competition Commission located at the 25th Floor, Vertis North Corporate Center 1, North Avenue, Quezon City 1105. Failure to obtain a copy thereof shall not toll the period to file a Verified Answer or any responsive pleading.

