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From: John Forbes, Senior Adviser, TAPP
Subject: TAPP Legislative Tracker for May 2016

On May 26, the AmCham Legislative Tracker and List of Legislative Priorities for the 16th Congress were presented at JFC-PBG meeting organized by TAPP to identify the business sector's priority Legislative agenda for the 17th Congress. Both documents have been updated to reflect the status of priority bills of the business sector identified in the July 19, 2013 JFC-PBG letter to President Aquino on priority legislation.

The Legislative Tracker was updated to reflect the enactment of laws affecting investment climate from February to May 2016. These were:

- Credit Surety Fund Cooperative Act (RA 10744) – signed Feb 6, 2016
- Right-of-Way Act amendments (RA 10752) – signed Mar 9, 2016
- Philippine Green Jobs Act (RA 10771) – signed Apr 29, 2016
- Creating the Department of Information and Communications Technology (RA 10844) – signed May 23, 2016
- Anti Large-Scale Agricultural Smuggling (RA 10845) – signed May 23, 2016
- Customs Modernization and Tariffs Act (RA 10863) - signed May 30, 2016

The House has ratified the Bicameral Conference Committee Report on Foreign Investment Liberalization. The House also has approved on Third Reading the bill regulating the Pharmacy profession. As the Senate counterpart of these bills were earlier approved, they will be transmitted to Malacanang for President Aquino's signature and will form part of the legislative accomplishments of this administration once enacted.

Attachments: May 2016 Legislative Tracker, updated as of 5/31/16;
Status of Priority Bills of Business Sector, updated as of 5/31/16