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1. 68 days to go: FPI Business Summit 2025

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2. FPI Policy Recommendations for the 20th Congress

Focus on Reindustrialization, Fair Trade, Local Preference, and Investment Protection

The **Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI)**, *the Voice of Industry*, has released its legislative agenda for the 20th Congress, urging policymakers to advance reforms that will strengthen domestic manufacturing, reinforce fair trade practices, and drive the Philippines' reindustrialization.

The recommendations emphasize the full implementation of key laws such as the **Tatak Pinoy Act** (FPI has been running the Buy Pinoy Buy Lokal program for the past 20 years) and **CREATE MORE**, along with complementary measures to protect local producers, stimulate innovation, and ensure a competitive investment environment.

KEY INDUSTRY POLICY PRIORITIES

- **Implement the Tatak Pinoy Act effectively**, with proper funding and the establishment of a multi-sectoral Tatak Pinoy Council to guide and monitor industrial development.
- **Accelerate the rollout of CREATE MORE**, ensuring timely and fair access to incentives for both domestic and export-oriented manufacturers.
- **Enforce full compliance with Philippine National Standards (PNS)** across all ports of entry and markets, ensuring that imported and local goods meet local safety and quality requirements.
- **Advance a green industrial policy** by accelerating the development and adoption of low-carbon technologies across manufacturing, energy, transport, and infrastructure. Promote clean production systems and circular economy models, as well as ensuring access to transition financing.
- **Implement a Local Preference Procurement Law**, prioritizing

government procurement of locally manufactured, mandating PNS-compliant products, especially in infrastructure, construction materials, and essential public goods.

TRADE AND ENFORCEMENT REFORMS

- **Enact a Comprehensive Anti-Smuggling Law**, including the creation of a Public-Private Task Force reporting to the President, port digitization, and enhanced customs profiling tools.
- **Strengthen trade remedy mechanisms**, allowing for faster and more effective implementation of safeguard, anti-dumping, and countervailing duties, including the use of provisional measures during investigations.
- **Adopt a balanced and strategic tariff policy**, including periodic reviews and pre-liberalization impact assessments for sensitive sectors.
- **Institutionalize a Trade and Industry Defense System**, providing real-time monitoring and response to import surges and unfair foreign competition.
- **Establish an Independent Investment Ombudsman**, tasked with resolving unjustified delays, harassment, and regulatory inconsistencies encountered by investors, while coordinating with relevant agencies such as DTI, FIRB, BOI, DOF, and LGUs.
- **Implement e-Governance reforms**, including full digital integration of trade facilitation, permitting, and regulatory processes across agencies to eliminate red tape, improve transparency, and deter corruption.

3. FPI in the News

FPI pushes for reforms to boost manufacturing sector

To read/view the article: “FPI pushes for reforms to boost manufacturing sector”, kindly follow this link: <https://www.philstar.com/business/2025/07/30/2461685/fpi-pushes-reforms-boost-manufacturing-sector>

Marcos orders probe of flood control projects

To read/view the article: “Marcos orders probe of flood control projects”, kindly follow this link: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2025/07/29/2461542/marcos-orders-probe-flood-control-projects>.

Watch FPI Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jesus Arranza in DWIZ’s SONA coverage:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BGzsp9WFm/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

FPI hails Marcos’ SONA as ‘reassuring first step’ on urgent national concerns

To read/view the article: “FPI hails Marcos’ SONA as ‘reassuring first step’ on urgent national concerns”, kindly follow this link: <https://mb.com.ph/2025/07/28/fpi-hails-marcos-sona-as-reassuring-first-step-on-urgent-national-concerns>.

Biz groups back, laud SONA message

To read/view the article: “Biz groups back, laud SONA message”, kindly follow this link: <https://manilastandard.net/news/314622768/biz-groups-back-laud-sona-message.html>.

FPI urges more reforms to boost PH industry

To read/view the article: “FPI urges more reforms to boost PH industry”, kindly follow this link: <https://business.inquirer.net/537901/fpi-urges-more-reforms-to-boost-ph-industry>.

FPI to Congress: Strengthen Phl manufacturing now

To read/view the article: “FPI to Congress: Strengthen Phl manufacturing now”, kindly follow this link: <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/07/27/fpi-to-congress-strengthen-phl-manufacturing-now>.

Federation of Philippine Industries outlines reform agenda for 20th Congress

To read/view the article: “Federation of Philippine Industries outlines reform agenda for 20th Congress”, kindly follow this link: <https://manilastandard.net/business/314622346/federation-of-philippine-industries-outlines-reform-agenda-for-20th-congress.html>.

Biz group head optimistic for FDIs to PH

To read/view the article: “Biz group head optimistic for FDIs to PH”, kindly follow this link: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1255316>.

Industry group hails Marcos’ priorities on budget, water and smuggling crackdown

To read/view the article: “Industry group hails Marcos’ priorities on budget, water and smuggling crackdown”, kindly follow this link: <https://bilyonaryo.com/2025/07/28/industry-group-hails-marcos-priorities-on-budget-water-and-smuggling-crackdown/business/>.

4. FPI Committees

Summit Committee

With 67 days to go to the summit, the committee has gained two (2) Platinum Sponsors **Columbia Foods and Meralco** and five (5) Gold Sponsors **CEMAP, JG Summit, Motolite, PPIA & Sanyo Metals**. Last June 9, 2025, FPI Leadership met with DTI Secretary Cristina Roque to personally invite her to the Summit. On Aug 27, the FPI leadership will meet with DOF Secretary Ralph Recto to convey our invitation to the summit.

Standards Committee

On August 1, 2025, the Standards Committee, led by FPI President Reinier Dizon, Ernesto Ordonez, Bobby Batungbacal and representatives of the steel, angle bars, batteries, wood products and cement sectors met with DTI Fair Trade Group OIC Atty. Regino Mallari to discuss the current state of substandard products in the market, gaps in enforcement and areas of improvement. This follows previous meeting with DTI Secretary Cristina Roque last June 9, 2025 and meeting with Atty. Mallari last July 16, 2025.



Policy Committee

The Policy Committee crafted FPI Policy Recommendations for the 20th Congress, approved and signed by FPI Chair Elizabeth Lee, President Reinier Dizon and submitted to the President, Senate President and Speaker of the House, released to media.

5. Other Matters

BOC Chief Enforces “No Take” Policy and Calls for Stakeholder Cooperation

Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno has reinforced the Bureau of Customs’ (BOC) “No Take” policy, which strictly prohibits bribery and unlawful monetary transactions, as part of the BOC’s anti-corruption efforts. He also issued a firm public warning that corruption will not be tolerated, whether committed by Customs personnel or by stakeholders. This policy is non-negotiable and will be upheld from day one of his term until his last day in office.

In line with this directive, Commissioner Nepomuceno called on all stakeholders, including importers, customs brokers, and trade industry players, not just to comply, but to actively take part in this

commitment to clean governance. He emphasized that the success of the “No Take” policy depends not only on internal enforcement but also on the discipline and integrity of those engaging with the BOC.

“We cannot win the fight against corruption if stakeholders themselves continue to offer bribes or enter into under-the-table deals,” the Commissioner said. “This is a shared responsibility. I expect all parties inside and outside the BOC to uphold the same standards of integrity. The ‘No Take’ policy is a standing commitment of my administration, and any violation will be addressed with the utmost firmness and urgency.”

He urged the private sector to report any irregularities or corruption attempts they

may encounter. "Let this be clear: those who choose to engage in corrupt practices, regardless of their role, will be held accountable," he added.

The Bureau of Customs remains strongly committed to building a culture of integrity, professional service, and public accountability. With the cooperation of stakeholders, the BOC aims to create a trade environment that is transparent, fair, and fully compliant with the law.

To read/download BOC Media Release: "BOC Chief Enforces "No Take" Policy and Calls for Stakeholder Cooperation", kindly follow this link: <https://customs.gov.ph/boc-chief-enforces-no-take-policy-and-calls-for-stakeholder-cooperation/>.

SEC Shortened Validity of Payment Assessment Forms

In line with the efforts of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to expedite the processing of transactions with the Commission, the public is hereby informed that the validity of the Payment Assessment Form (PAF) has been shortened to 10 calendar days from 45 calendar days.

The 10-day validity will apply to PAFs for all SEC transactions, except those issued for the payment of fines and penalties, starting Monday, 28 July 2025. PAFs issued prior to the said date will remain valid for a period of 45 days from the date of issuance.

The public is advised to settle their PAFs within the 10-day period to ensure the speedy processing of their applications.

To read/download SEC Notice: "Shortened Validity of Payment Assessment Forms", kindly follow this link: <https://www.sec.gov.ph/notices-2025/shortened-validity-of-payment-assessment-forms/#gsc.tab=0>.

BIR RMC No. 78-2025 - Providing the guidelines and procedures on the registration, filing of returns, and payment of Value-Added Tax (VAT) for Nonresident Digital Service Providers through the VAT on Digital Services Portal

To read/download RMC No. 78-2025, kindly follow this link: <https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/RMC%20No.%2078-2025.pdf>.