

The Recent Amendment to the Philippine Nationalization of Retail Trade Law

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The Article discusses the changes resulting from the amendment of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 1180, otherwise known as the Retail Trade Nationalization Law, in the form of Presidential Decree No. 714 issued on 28 May 1975. With the introduction of the amendments, issues as to the pending cases in the Supreme Court resulted to the need to clarify the term "retail" and the coverage of Americans and American-owned enterprises. The Article mentions the principal issues resulting from these changes regarding the "inclusion of the sale of merchandise, commodities or goods to industrial or commercial users as distinguished from sale of such goods to personal or household users" and whether or not American-owned enterprises were included under the exemptions of the R.A. No. 1180. The Author presents arguments in support of his findings, also including certain pros and cons to the views he presents.