

*I MINA TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
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Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS (BSP) COLLECT DATA ON THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF ALL PRODUCE IMPORTED TO GUAM, SUCH INFORMATION TO BE LISTED QUARTERLY BY TYPE OF PRODUCE ON BOTH THE BSP AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WEBSITES.

1        **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2        **SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds  
3        that our island imports a significant amount of produce that could be  
4        grown here in Guam. Our island's farmers are capable of providing many  
5        of the varieties of fruits and vegetables that consumers need and desire, yet  
6        information on the type and quantity of the individual fruits and  
7        vegetables imported into Guam is not readily available.

8        *I Liheslatura* intends that the Bureau of Statistics and Plans be  
9        mandated to expand and publish their data on the types and amounts of all  
10       produce imported into Guam, to include the type and individual amounts  
11       of the various types of produce being imported, for each calendar quarter.

12 This will be beneficial for our island’s farmers, who will be better able to  
13 know which crops to plant, how much they need to produce, how much  
14 they may be able to export, and which imports can be substituted by local  
15 products.

16           **SECTION 2. A NEW Subitem (j) is *added* to Title 5 GCA Chapter 1**  
17 **§ 1209, to read:**

18           **“(j) Agriculture Data Collection.** The Bureau *shall* separate data  
19 collected relative to the types and amounts of all types of produce  
20 imported into Guam, and report such data on a quarterly and annual basis.  
21 Such data shall be posted on the Bureau’s web site and the Department of  
22 Agriculture’s website, to include the poundage of each type of produce.  
23 This data should be made available to the media. Copies of the posting in  
24 printed format shall be made available at the Department of Agriculture’s  
25 offices. All departments and agencies that handle documents containing  
26 information on the data required to be collected and published herein shall  
27 cooperate with the Bureau to ensure the completion of the reports as  
28 required herein.”