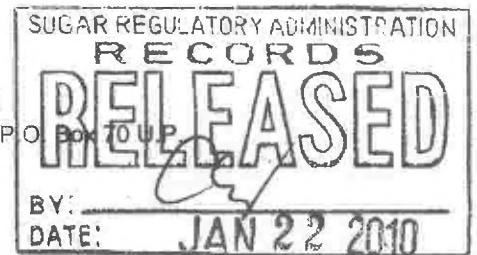




REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Department of Agriculture  
**SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION**  
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**SUGAR ORDER NO. 8**  
Series of 2009-2010

**SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO SUGAR ORDER NO. 3, SERIES OF 2007-2008,**  
**ENTITLED "FORMATION OF A BIOETHANOL CONSULTATIVE BOARD"**

**WHEREAS,** sugarcane is a major feedstock in the production of both sugar and bioethanol fuel;

**WHEREAS,** Section 27.1, Rule 7 of the Rules and Regulations Implementing (IRR) R.A. No. 9367, otherwise known as the Biofuels Act of 2006, mandates SRA to develop and implement policies within the sugarcane industry in support of the National Biofuels Program and form a consultative body within the sugarcane industry;

**WHEREAS,** Section 27.2 of the IRR further mandates SRA to formulate the necessary guidelines in ensuring that the supply of sugar is sufficient to meet the domestic demand and that the price of sugar is stable;

**WHEREAS,** sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 27.2 of the IRR provide that in case of shortage of locally produced bioethanol, the SRA in consultation with stakeholders, shall initiate appropriate actions to increase local production and propose measures to the NBB to address the supply shortage and shall develop appropriate schemes to facilitate orderly allocation of sugarcane for both sugar and ethanol;

**NOW THEREFORE,** under and by virtue of the authority vested in the Sugar Regulatory Administration, the composition, manner of operation, and powers and functions of the "**Bioethanol Consultative Board (BCB)**" are hereby amended:

## **Section 1. The Bioethanol Consultative Board (BCB)**

1.1 The BCB shall be composed of 11 members:

- a. SRA Administrator - Chairman
- b. President of DA-PADCC - Vice-Chairman
- c. One representative each from CONFED, LUZONFED, PANAYFED, NFSP and UNIFED to be designated by their respective federation / association.
- d. One representative from the sugar millers to be designated by the Philippine Sugar Millers Association (PSMA).
- e. One representative from the ethanol producers to be designated by the Ethanol Producers Association of the Philippines (EPAP).
- f. One representative of feedstock suppliers.

1.2 The BCB Secretariat shall be composed of the SRA focal persons on biofuels or as may be designated by the SRA Administrator.

1.3 The BCB shall hold regular meetings once in every semester and special meetings, if necessary.

1.4 The operating expense of the BCB may be sourced through voluntary contributions from among its members or any fund which may be authorized by SRA.

1.5 If the BCB fund warrants, members and secretariat of the BCB may receive honoraria in accordance with existing DBM or COA circulars and guidelines.

## **Section 2. Powers and Functions of the BCB**

- a. Recommend to SRA the necessary guidelines and programs to ensure full utilization of sugarcane;
- b. Initiate appropriate actions to increase local production of bioethanol and propose measures to the NBB to address the supply shortage;
- c. Recommend to SRA appropriate schemes to facilitate the orderly allocation of sugarcane for both sugar and ethanol;
- d. Manage the utilization of the Bioethanol Research, Development and Extension (BRDE) fund collected by SRA pursuant to Sugar Order No. 14 and



SRA Circular Letter No. 30, series of 2008-2009, which provide for the policy and guidelines on the production of bioethanol;

- e. Perform such other functions, directly or indirectly necessary and conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the biofuels law.

#### **Section 4. Repealing Clause**

All provisions of Sugar Order No. 3, series of 2007-2008 are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

#### **Section 5. Effectivity**

This Sugar Order takes effect immediately.

  
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Administrator