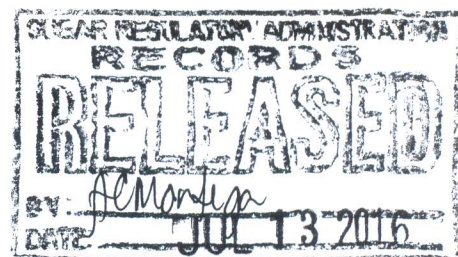




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MUSCOVADO ORDER NO. 2
Series of 2015-2016

**SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS IN THE ISSUANCE OF
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO
OPERATE AS ORGANIC MUSCOVADO
TRADER/PRODUCER**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10068, otherwise known as “Organic Agriculture Act of 2010” was enacted requiring the registration of organic food and organic input producers as well as labeling of organic produce.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10068, the Department of Agriculture issued Department Circular No. 3, Series of 2015 prescribing the “Rules and Regulations on the Registration of Primary and Postharvest Organic Food and Non-food Products”.

WHEREAS, under Section 4 of DA Department Circular No. 3, Series of 2015, it is provided that in addition to the existing regulations and guidelines by each DA Regulatory Agency pursuant to their respective mandates and jurisdictions, particularly on the registration of agriculture or fisheries establishments, Sugar Regulatory Administration being an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture is directed to revise existing or establish new registration procedures and requirements for certified organic establishments;

WHEREAS, in compliance with the said directive of the Department of Agriculture, the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), hereby issues this Order imposing additional requirements in the application for registration as Muscovado Trader and/or Producer of Organic Muscovado Products.

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the authority vested in the Sugar Regulatory Administration, it is hereby ordered that:

SECTION 1. SCOPE. This Muscovado Order covers the additional requirements for Muscovado Traders who are engaged in producing/trading **ORGANIC** muscovado products.

SECTION 2. REQUIREMENTS. The following documents are hereby required to be submitted IN ADDITION to the requirements specified in Muscovado Order No. 1 Series of 2015-2016;

A. For Trader / Producer of Muscovado Whose Products Are Declared as **ORGANIC**:



- Certificate issued by the Organic Certifying Body (OCB) accredited by the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards (BAFPS) of the Department of Agriculture (DA);
- B. For Trader / Non-Producer of **ORGANIC** Muscovado (Traders whose sources of organic muscovado are from Organic Muscovado Producers);
- Organic Certificate issued by OCB to Muscovado Producers where the Trader / Non-Producer will source its muscovado products for sale and distribution.
- C. The certificates issued by the OCB are valid only for one (1) year. Thus, (A) and (B) are required to secure OCB certificate every year and submit the same to SRA two (2) months prior to the start of the Crop Year, within the validity period of the Certificate of Registration (COR) issued pursuant to this Muscovado Order.

SECTION 3. VERIFICATION AND REPORT. The LICENSING AND MONITORING DIVISION upon receipt of the application with complete documentary requirements shall verify the legitimacy of the business applicant. Verification may include office and warehouse visit and random verification with government agencies of the authenticity of the documents submitted. Thereafter, the application shall be submitted to the Administrator together with the verification report (and) which shall (state thereto) include the recommendation to approve or not the application, and the reasons for recommendation.

SECTION 4. REGISTRATION FEE. Upon approval by the Administrator of the application, the applicant shall pay the full registration fee pursuant to General Administrative Order No. 1 dated May 11, 2011 (GAO) either in cash, check, money order or telegraphic/bank transfer. Application filed for the remaining two (2) months of the current Crop Year shall pay only half (1/2) of the registration fee for the said year.

The registration fee is P6,000/ per Crop Year and since the validity period of the COR is three years, the total amount of registration fee is P18,000.00. The said fee, however, may be adjusted accordingly, based on the date of the application upon prior approval of the Sugar Board.

SECTION 5. AUTHORITY TO APPROVE APPLICATION. The SRA Administrator and the Director of DA-BAFS are authorized signatories to approve the application subject to the guidelines provided in this Muscovado Order and other issuances of the Sugar Board.

SECTION 6. VALIDITY. Registration filed for a given Crop Year, once approved and issued, shall be valid for three (3) Crop Years from date of issuance subject to the annual submission of OCB certificate stated in Section 2 (C). Non-Submission of updated OCB Certificate on the second Crop Year would mean revocation of COR.

SECTION 7. TRADING REPORT. Registered organic muscovado traders shall submit a Crop Year report of trading, every September 15 (a copy of the format report is hereto attached as Annex A) covering the crop for which a registration has been issued. A

penalty of P5,000.00 shall be imposed for failure to submit on time and it shall also be a ground for the revocation or non-renewal of the said registration.

SECTION 8. RENEWAL of Certificate of Registration shall be filed two (2) months prior to the expiration of its three (3)-year validity period. Furthermore, the Trading Activity Report shall form part of the requirements in the application for renewal. Failure to comply with the said requirement shall be ground for non-renewal of COR.

SECTION 9. PUBLICATION. For the information of the public, a list of Organic Muscovado Traders/Producers for the current crop year shall be published through a Circular Letter.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY PROVISION. All provisions in any sugar or muscovado orders, circular letter and other rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Muscovado Order, are hereby amended, modified or revoked accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY. *This Order shall take effect immediately.*

By the Authority of the Sugar Board:



MA. REGINA BAUTISTA-MARTIN
Administrator