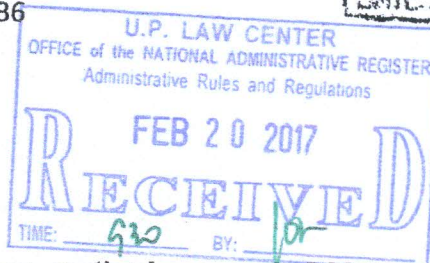
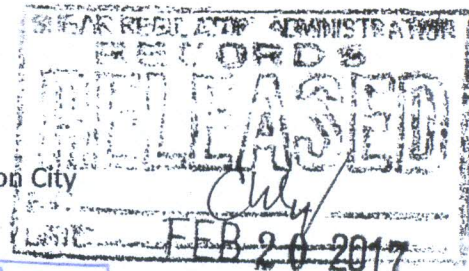




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Subject: Guidelines on the Issuance of Clearance for Release of Imported HFCS and Chemically Pure Fructose

WHEREAS, there has been a reported increase in the volume of sugar imported into the country, particularly High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS);

WHEREAS, HFCS is a type of sugar and/or that its importation affects the balance of supply of sugar in the country;

WHEREAS, the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) has received complaints from sugar farmers, sugar millers and workers, among others, that the unregulated importation of HFCS, displaces the use of locally-produced sugar and thereby negatively affects the balance of production, threatens the livelihood of industry workers, and impedes the growth of the sugar industry;

WHEREAS, Sugarcane Industry Development Act of 2015 (Republic Act No. 10659) mandates the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to require importers or consignees to secure from the SRA the classification of the imported sugar prior to its release;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 18 dated 28 May 1986 declares as policy of the State to promote the growth and development of the sugar industry and, in order to carry out such policy, mandates that SRA establish and maintain such balanced relation between production and requirement of sugar and such marketing condition as will insure stabilized prices at a level reasonably profitable to the producers and fair to consumers;

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

Section 1. Scope. This Order covers importation of HFCS and chemically pure fructose (i.e. crystalline fructose), in whatever intensity or form (hereinafter referred to as "Fructose").

Section 2. Requirements. An importer or consignee of these imported Fructose must be a duly registered international trader with the SRA at the time of the application for clearance for release.

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