

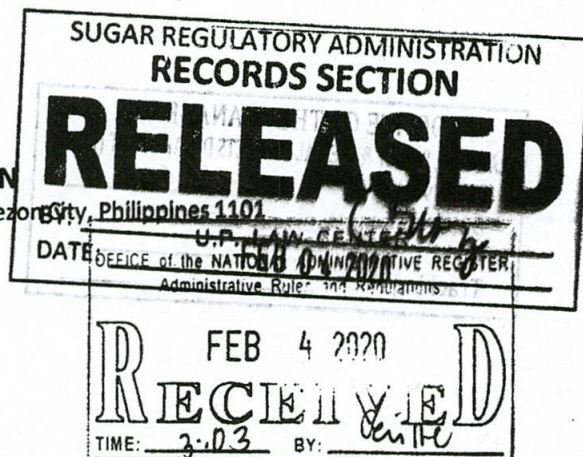


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Department of Agriculture  
**SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION**  
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TIN 000-784-336

January 29, 2020

**SUGAR ORDER NO. 4-A**

Series of 2019-2020



**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTATION OF SUGAR FOR REPLENISHMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) Board approved and issued Sugar Order No. 4, Series of 2019-2020 (SO #4) regarding "A" Sugar Export Replenishment Program for Crop Year 2019-2020 on December 20, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, Sec.1.3 of SO #4 provides that exporters of the "A" sugar/quedans may import once the SRA Board determines that replenishment is needed through the issuance of a separate sugar order/circular on guidelines of sugar importation for replenishment which shall cover, among others, arrival date/s, requirements for issuance of clearance for release, etc.;

**WHEREAS**, SRA supply and demand figures show that as of January 19, 2020, sugarcane tonnage is down by 13.52%, raw sugar production dropped by 16.97%, and refined sugar output fell by 17.22% from their data for the same week-ending last year;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Duterte ordered, through Administrative Order No. 13 dated September 21, 2019, the streamlining of administrative procedures to allow importation that will address shortfall of supply and ensure stable prices of agricultural products in the domestic market, including sugar;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the powers vested to the Sugar Regulatory Administration, the following is hereby ordered:

**Section 1.** Exporters of the "A" sugar/quedans produced in Crop Year 2019-2020 and exported to the United States sugar quota in Quota Year 2019-2020 may import a corresponding volume of sugar that they exported at a ratio of 1:1 (raw equivalent).

**1.1** Exporters may import raw sugar or refined sugar as replenishment, *provided*, that if the replenishment shall be in raw form, imported raw sugar will be tolled in a local refinery prior to its reclassification to "B" sugar by SRA. *Provided, further*, an LKg (50-kg) bag of refined sugar shall be equivalent to 1.08 LKg bag of raw sugar if the replenishment shall be in refined form.

**Section 2.** Exporters may already import the replenishment when the "A" sugar/quedans have been shipped out and the Certificate of Quota Eligibility (CQE) has been issued by SRA.

**Section 3.** Applications for the issuance of SRA Clearance for Release of Imported Sugar shall be submitted to the SRA - Regulation Department, Sugar Center Building, Quezon City. The following are the requirements:

**3.1.** Application letter for the issuance of SRA Clearance for Release indicating the volume of sugar and address of the warehouse where the sugar will be stored;



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- 3.2. Bill of Lading;
- 3.3. Commercial invoice of the imported sugar;
- 3.4. Packing list;
- 3.5. Certificate of Analysis (from country of origin);
- 3.6. Proof of payment of applicable SRA fees;

**Section 4.** Imported raw sugar for replenishment shall be initially classified as "C" Reserved sugar and stored in an SRA registered warehouse prior to its re

classification to "B" sugar, subject to the provision of here Sec. 1.1. Imported refined sugar shall be identified as "B" Domestic sugar in its SRA Clearance for Release.

**Section 5.** Any exporter that will import sugar in excess of the volume of "A" sugar/quedans it exported shall not be issued an SRA Clearance for Release on the excess volume, without prejudice to the other penalties the SRA Board may impose.

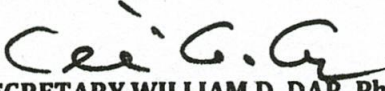
**Section 6.** The imported sugar for replenishment must arrive on or before September 30, 2020. Any volume that arrives after September 30, 2020 shall not be issued an SRA Clearance for Release.

**Section 7.** Provisions of other sugar orders, circular letters, and other rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Order are hereby amended or modified accordingly. Provisions of Sugar Order No. 3, Series of 2019-2020 shall remain in effect.

**Section 8.** A copy of this Order shall be filed with the Office of the National Administrative Registrar, University of the Philippines Law Center, Diliman, Quezon City.

**Section 9.** This Order shall take effect after three (3) days from filing in the Office of the National Administrative Registrar.

**APPROVED BY:**

  
**SECRETARY WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Chairperson

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