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SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION

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SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION RECORDS SECTION

August 29, 2023

SUGAR ORDER NO. Series of 2023-2024

> SUBJECT: **SUGAR POLICY FOR CROP YEAR 2023-2024**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 18, dated 28 May 1986, vests the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) with the power to establish and maintain a balanced relationship between sugar production and the requirements of sugar, and to maintain such marketing conditions as will ensure stabilized prices at levels reasonably profitable to the producers and fair to consumers:

WHEREAS, the total raw sugar production for Crop Year 2023-2024 is estimated at 1.85 Million Metric Tons, with an estimated drop in production of ten (10%) to fifteen percent (15%) depending on the severity of the anticipated El Niño phenomenon, which DOST-PAGASA has determined for this crop year;

WHEREAS, the total domestic raw sugar withdrawal for Crop Year 2023-2024 is estimated at 2.20 Million Metric Tons, more or less;

WHEREAS, the SRA is mandated to institute measures and ensure the stability of "B" or Domestic Sugar supply;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the power vested in the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), it is hereby ordered that:

Section 1. Production and Classes of Sugar. Sugar production for Crop Year 2023-2024 (September 01, 2023 to August 31, 2024) is expected to be 1.85 Million Metric Tons and shall be quedanned by the mill companies, as implementors of this Sugar Order, in the following percentage:

"B" or Domestic Market Sugar

100 %

Section 2. Issuance of Quedan-Permits/Molasses Storage Certificates. As a general rule, sugar mill companies shall issue weekly sugar quedan-permits/molasses storage certificates in the name of the individual planter or mill companies for their corresponding shares of sugar and molasses production for the Crop Year 2023-2024.









As an exception, where a planter has expressly authorized the mill company in writing or has executed a production/market agreement in favor of his association /cooperative, which agreement provides for the consolidation of his weekly sugar/molasses production in the name of the association/cooperative, mill company concerned shall issue consolidated weekly sugar quedan-permits/molasses storage certificates in the name of the association/cooperative with an attached listing of the planters and their corresponding production covered by said sugar quedan-permits/molasses storage certificates.

- **Section 3. Periodic Assessments, Percentage Adjustment.** The SRA shall undertake periodic assessment of the Crop Year 2023-2024 sugar production and withdrawals trend. On the basis of such assessment, SRA may from time to time adjust the percentage allocation/distribution to other classes of sugar in accordance with its power and function and to establish domestic, export and reserve allocation;
- **Section 4. Non-revalidation of Unused Quedan Permit Forms.** Pursuant to Section 6, Sugar Order No. 1, Series of 1995-1996, dated 1 September 1995, it is hereby reiterated that for Crop Year 2023-2024, and thereafter, all unused sugar quedan-permit forms of the previous crop year shall be shredded and not allowed for use;
- **Section 6. Effectivity Clause.** A copy of this Order shall be filed with the Office of the National Administrative Registrar, U.P. Law Center, Diliman, Quezon City and shall take effect immediately;
- **Section 7. Repealing Clause.** All provisions of Sugar Orders, Circular Letters, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Sugar Order are hereby amended, modified or revoked accordingly.

APPROVED BY:

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