

FILLING UP THE U.S. QUOTA FOR QUOTA YEAR 1998-1999

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WHEREAS; the United States has allocated for the Philippines an initial quota of 146,243 Metric Tons Raw Value (MTRV) or 141,298 Metric Tons Commercial Weights (MTCW) for Quota Year 1998-1999, likewise, for Fiscal Year 1999 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will hold three (3) tranches of 150,000 MTRV (13.50% shall be the share of the Philippines) each for the months of January, March and May, depending on whether the USDA stock-to-use ratio is less than or equal to 15.50% in the aforesaid months;

WHEREAS, Certificate for Quota Eligibility (CQE) will be issued to the Philippines to ship up to 25% of its initial allocation of 141,298 MTCW or 35,325 MTCW every quarter of the Quota Year 1998-1999, however, allocations not entered with the U.S. Customs Service during any quarter may be entered in any subsequent period;

WHEREAS, it is to the best interest of the Philippines to fill up the U.S. Sugar Quota for Quota Year 1998-1999 with good quality sugar and on time or within schedule;

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

SECTION 1. Sugar exporters with "A" or U.S. Quota sugar quedan-permits issued during the current Crop Year 1998-1999 and the previous Crop Years 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 (unshipped old crop "A" sugar) are hereby advised to apply with the SRA for export allocations attached thereto the aforesaid quedan-permits for verification/processing in order to fill up the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter allocations of the U.S. Sugar Quota for Quota Year 1998-1999.

SECTION 2. The U.S. Quota Allocation for Quota Year 1998-1999 shall be allocated among sugar exporters on the "First-Come, First-Served" basis.

In the event the exporter shall have sold hit verified "A" quedan-permits to another party, the allocation of the said exporter is deemed cancelled, in which case, the said "quedan-permits, shall be subject to verification again by the SRA for allocation on a "First-come, First-served" basis.

SECTION 3. The SRA shall officially announce in a Circular Letter the list of sugar exporters with allocations in a given quarter, e.g. 1st quarter, immediately after having verified the total volume of 35,325 MTCW of "A" quedan permits should there be an additional U.S. Quota allocation.

SECTION 4. The "A" or U.S. Quota Sugar to fill up the 1998-1999 U.S. Quota should be of good quality and preferably near the bulk terminals/loading ports.

In order to ensure that good quality new sugar shall be exported to the U.S., exporters with "A" quedan-permits of previous crop year/s, eligible for export pursuant to this Order, are hereby required to procure "B" or Domestic quedan-permits issued during the current Crop Year 1998-1999 and have the said "B" quedans swapped against "A" quedans of previous crop year/s or to provide the SRA with other means to show proof that good quality sugar shall be exported.

SECTION 5. The "A" quedan-permits of previous crop year/s and the "B" quedan-permits of the current Crop Year 1998-1999 when submitted to the SRA for regular swapping, shall be stamped at the back thereof as: "Surcharged as "B" Sugar of Previous Crop Year Per S.O. No. 4, Series of 1998-1999", and "Surcharged as "A" Sugar of the Current Crop Year 1998-1999 Per S.O. No. 4, Series of 1998-1999", respectively.

SECTION 6. A Circular Letter shall be issued to serve as implementing guidelines for the shipping out of the export allocations granted to exporters by the SRA under this Sugar Order.

SECTION 7. All fees and charges due the SRA for the processing of documents relative to the filling up of the 1998-1999 U.S. Quota Allocation shall be subject to General Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1994-1995.

SECTION 8. All forms and/or documents relevant to export of sugar to the U.S. market as prescribed in Circular Letter No. 44, Series of 1995-1996, shall remain in force.

SECTION 9. This Sugar Order shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 10. Provisions of Sugar Orders, Circulars Letters, and/or other rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Sugar Order, are hereby amended, modified or revoked accordingly.

Adopted: 20 Oct. 1998

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