

RULES AND REGULATIONS ON SUGAR IMPORTED BY MANUFACTURERS OF SUGAR-BASED PRODUCTS FOR EXPORTS

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Whereas, Section 1 of Sugar Order No. 8, Series of 1994-95, dated 17 May 1995, of the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), provides for separate rules and regulations covering sugar, whether raw or refined, imported by or consigned to and exclusively for the use of local processors/manufacturers of sugar-based products for export;

Whereas, it is in the national interest, to put the local processors/manufacturers in a competitive position in the world market so as to sustain the country's economic growth in the field of export;

Whereas, in order to forestall the possibility of the imported sugar being unloaded in the domestic market, there is a need for monitoring the movement of the sugar imported by or consigned to processors/manufacturers of sugar-based products for export;

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

SECTION 1. This order shall apply only to alt imported sugar, whether raw or refined, to be used as ingredient for sugar-based products for export;

SECTION 2. The importer/consignee of the imported sugar covered by this order shall apply for clearance from the SRA prior to the release of the commodity by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) by submitting the following pertinent documents, to wit:

- a. Certification of Sugar Requirements of Processors of Sugar-Based Products for Export, for a given year, issued by the SRA
- b. Pro Forma Invoice
- c. Bill of Lading

SECTION 3. The importer/consignee shall pay a monitoring fee of P10.00 per LKg.-Bag directly to the SRA, prior to issuance of clearance.

SECTION 4. The SRA Clearance shall indicate payment of the required fee and the classification of the imported sugar, whether "D" or World Market Sugar or "C" or Reserve Sugar.

In the event the cumulative quantity of imported sugar, whether raw or refined, exceeds the sugar requirement of the importer/consignee in a given year, i.e. 12 month period, reckoned from the date of application, the quantity of imported sugar in excess of the said requirement shall be classified as "B" or Domestic sugar or "C" or Reserve sugar, pursuant to Sugar Order No. 8, Series of 1994-1995, dated 17 May 1995 and its implementing guidelines.

SECTION 5. A Circular Letter shall be issued by the SRA defining the guidelines to be followed by processors/manufacturers of sugar-based products for export on how to secure a Certification of sugar requirements of processors/manufacturers of sugar-based products for export.

SECTION 6. The BOC shall be furnished with a copy of this Sugar Order and the BOC is hereby enjoined not to release the subject imported sugar without the necessary clearance from the SRA as prescribed herein.

SECTION 7. This Sugar Order shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 8. Provisions of Sugar Orders, Circular, Letter, Rules and Regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Sugar Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

Adopted: 4 June 1996

By Authority of the Sugar Board:

(SGD.) ROLLEO L. IGNACIO

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