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SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION RECORDS SECTION

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 19
Series of 2022-2023

SUBJECT: VALIDITY OF MILLING LICENSE

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In addition to providing the date of tentative end of milling as part of the questionnaire upon application for milling license, all sugar mills are directed to submit the final date of end of milling on or before May 31 of every crop year. The date of final end of milling provided by the mill shall mean the stoppage of grinding of sugarcane at the mill factory. Other incidents of after-milling operations, such as liquidation and submission of adjustments on data, shall continue but shall not exceed 15 days.

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Sugar mills are therefore enjoined to submit to the Office of the Administrator a written notice of official end of milling dates which will serve as the basis for the expiration date of the milling permit. This is pursuant to Section 5 of SRA Sugar Order No. 8, series of 1991-1992 which states that "Under no condition may a mill company begin milling operations until after payment of the license fee and issuance of the milling license by the SRA."

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