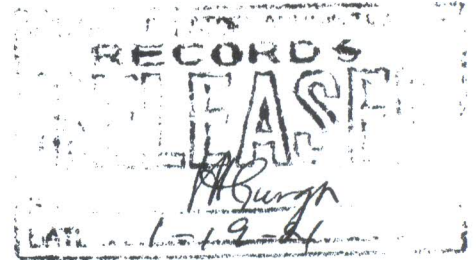




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**SUBJECT : CLARIFYING SECTION 4.1 OF SUGAR ORDER NO. 4,
SERIES OF 2015-2016 ON FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED
WITH VESSEL PRESENTATION**

1. Section 4.1 of Sugar Order No. 4, Series 2015-2016, dated 08 December 2015, provides:

“4.1 The allocation of the Philippines for Quota Year 2015-2016 shall be allocated among sugar traders/exporters on a “First Come – First Served” with vessel presentation required hereunder. Likewise, all sugar shipments to the U.S. shall be made on a “First-In, First Out” basis.”
2. As used in the sugar order *vessel presentation* shall refer to the actual arrival of the vessel that shall be used for shipping sugar to the U.S. Sugar quota for Crop Year 2015-16 at the first (1st) port of loading in the Philippines. This shall be verified by Regulation Department, SRA, Bacolod City.
3. Under the First Come-First Served with vessel presentation procedure, the volume for export to the U.S. Sugar quota shall be allocated by SRA Regulation Department, Quezon City, to the first exporter and succeeding exporters, until the total quota volume is fully allocated, that shall submit the complete documentary requirements and vessel presentation. The documentary requirements referred to are:
 - i. Application for export,
 - ii. Payment of SRA fees,
 - iii. Verified “A” quedans, if any, and “B” sugar quedans, totaling to the volume applied for export,
 - iv. Shipping Agent’s Notice of Arrival of Vessel at the first (1st) loading port in the Philippines.

Only upon the complete submission of the documentary requirements and vessel presentation shall SRA Regulation Department, Quezon City, allocate the volume applied for to that exporter. Provided, that the volume allocated must correspond to the verified “A” quedans (if any) and “B” sugar quedans submitted. It is emphasized that until the complete submission of the documentary requirements and document evidencing vessel presentation, the volume applied for shall remain unallocated.



4. To expedite transfers of sugar from the mill to the designated port of loading for shipping to the U.S. Sugar quota, SRA Regulation Department, Quezon City, may allow the withdrawal of the sugar from the mill warehouse thru the issuance of corresponding Withdrawal and Inloading Clearances upon submission of application for export, verified "A" quedans (if any), "B" sugar quedans, and payment of SRA fees. Provided, that the issuance of Withdrawal and Inloading Clearances shall NOT mean or indicate that the volume for export applied for by the exporter has been allocated to him.
5. The Certificate of Quota Eligibility (CQE) for a particular shipment to the U.S. Sugar quota shall be issued by SRA Regulation Department, Quezon City, only upon completion of loading of the sugar on the vessel. Provided, that the CQE shall indicate the volume loaded on the vessel for shipment to the U.S. Sugar quota.
6. When the unallocated volume is less than the volume applied for export by two (2) or more exporters, and they (exporters) have completely submitted the documentary requirements mentioned in Section 3, SRA Regulation Department, Quezon City, shall approve the volume applied for by the exporter whose vessel arrives first at the first (1st) loading port in the Philippines, as verified by the Regulation Department. Provided, if SRA Regulation Department, cannot determine which vessel arrived first, it shall require the concerned exporters to resolve the matter among themselves through measures like co-shipping to the U.S. Provided further, if the matter cannot be resolved by exporters, then the unallocated volume shall be equally distributed to the concerned exporters.
7. When the unallocated volume is less than the volume applied for export by an exporter who has complied with the documentary requirements of Section 3 including vessel presentation, SRA shall approve the export of only the remaining unallocated volume.

This Circular Letter shall take effect immediately:



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