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TO : ALL SUGAR MILLS, SUGAR REFINERIES and OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : PRESCRIBING NEW SETS OF STANDARD FOR RAW CANE SUGAR and WHITE SUGAR

All raw sugar mills and refineries are hereby advised on the approval of the *Philippine National Standards (PNS) for Raw Cane Sugar (PNS/BAFPS 81:2010)* and the *Philippine National Standards White Sugar (PNS/BAFPS 82:2010)*.

Said Standards were finalized considering the old PNS, the existing Codex document and texts, as well as different government regulations. Sugar stakeholders and advocacy groups had been duly consulted and their comments accounted for in the subject standard. These standards had already been submitted to the BPS- DTI, the repository for all Philippine National Standards.

Henceforth, all essential composition and quality factors, specifications as produced, and methods of analysis for both raw cane and white sugar covered by these standards per annexes hereto attached must be adhered to as prescribed.

All mills and refineries are directed to advise their respective quality control laboratories over these prescriptions.

Please be guided accordingly.

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FOREWORD

Sugar is a leading export earning crop of the Philippines. Despite fluctuating prices, global market trends show an increased production and demand for safe and quality raw and white sugar. Consequently, the Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards (BAFPS) and Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), initiated the revision of the Philippine National Standards for Raw Cane (PNS 1097:1993) and White Sugar (PNS 1098:1993) to help boost the local sugar industry and ensure that the locally produced and traded sugars meet the current international standards of safety and quality.

The Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of BAFPS, SRA, Philippine Sugar Millers Association (PSMA) and representative from First Farmers Holding Corporation took into considerations provisions of the Codex Standard for Sugars (CODEX STAN 212-1999 (Amd. 1-2001), International Commission for Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis (ICUMSA) new methods, new SRA data analysis, BFAD rules and regulations, and comments from all stakeholders (e.g. producers/growers, millers, refiners, traders, bottlers, consumers) in all public consultations held in Bacolod, Cebu, Davao and Manila.

This standard sets a series of minimum requirements to be observed in the production and sale of raw cane sugar as well as essential composition and quality factors, including methods of analysis, necessary for government regulatory activity, consumer protection and fair trade.

**PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR RAW CANE SUGAR
(PNS 81:2010)**

1. SCOPE AND DESCRIPTION

This Standard applies to the raw cane sugar intended for human consumption. It also includes raw cane sugar sold for further processing/refining or as ingredients in foodstuffs.

Raw cane sugar is partially purified sucrose, which is crystallised from partially purified cane juice, without further purification, but which does not preclude centrifugation or drying, and which is characterised by sucrose crystals covered with a film of cane molasses.

2. FOOD ADDITIVES

Raw cane sugar may contain sulphur dioxide at a maximum permitted level of 20 mg/kg.

3. CONTAMINANTS

3.1 HEAVY METALS

Raw cane sugar shall be free from heavy metals in amounts which may represent a hazard to human health.

3.2 PESTICIDE RESIDUES

Raw Cane Sugar shall comply with those maximum residue limits established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) for this commodity.

4. HYGIENE

It is recommended that the product covered by the provisions of this standard be prepared and handled in accordance with the appropriate sections of the Recommended International Code of Practice – General Principles of Food Hygiene recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC/RCP 1-1969 Rev. 4-2003) and other relevant Codes of Hygienic Practices. Provisions of the Revised Guidelines on Current Good Manufacturing Practices, Packing, Repacking, or Holding Food (BFAD Administrative Order No. 153 s. 2004), including Inspection Checklist for Sugar Millers/Refiners should apply.

Raw Cane Sugar should comply with any microbiological criteria established in accordance with the Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria for Foods (CAC/GL 21-1997) and BFAD Guidelines for the Assessment of Microbiological Quality of Processed Foods (BFAD Bureau Circular 01-A s. 2004).

5. LABELLING

In addition to the provisions of the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev. 6-2008), provisions of the Consumer Act of the Philippines (RA7394), Rules and Regulation Governing the Labeling of Prepackaged of Food Products Distributed in the Philippines (BFAD AO 88-B s.1984) and other existing BFAD rules, regulations and resolutions, the following specific provisions shall apply:

5.1 THE NAME OF THE FOOD

The product covered by this Standard must conform to the description given for that product in Section 1 of the Standard.

5.2 ADDITIONAL LABELLING REQUIREMENT

Raw cane sugar intended for direct consumption shall be directly bagged and properly labeled (i.e. for direct consumption).

6. METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING

See Volume 13 of the *Codex Alimentarius* and other relevant *International Commission for Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis (ICUMSA) methods* specified in Table 1 of Annex.

7. REFERENCES:

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- 7.8 CAC/RCP 1-1969 Rev. 4-2003, Recommended International Code of Practice – General Principles of Food Hygiene recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
- 7.9 International Commission for Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis (ICUMSA) Methods Book 2005 and 2007
- 7.10 RA 7394 “The Consumer Act of the Philippines

ANNEX

I. ESSENTIAL COMPOSITION AND QUALITY FACTORS INCLUDING METHODS OF ANALYSIS

The composition and quality factors for the sugars covered by the Standard are set out in Table 1.

Table 1 Composition and Quality Factors for Raw Cane Sugar Characteristics	Specification as Produced	Methods of Analysis														
Polarization, percent, minimum	97.4	ICUMSA GS 1/2/3/9-1(2007)														
Safety Factor, maximum	0.3	ICUMSA GS 2/1/3/9-15(2007)														
Color (ICUMSA color Units), maximum	Refined raw 1300 Whole raw 5000	ICUMSA Modified Method 4														
Grain Size, percent through 28-mesh Tyler sieve, maximum	Maximum 45	U.S. Contract Method Form 2021-91G(Domino Corp.)														
Ash Content, percent of raw sugar	Minimum and maximum standard ash content is derived by multi-plying percent non-sucrose solids by the factor listed below which corresponds to the final polarization of the cargo: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>▲ Min.</td> <td>Max.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Up to and including 98.0</td> <td>0.17 0.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 98.0 up to and including 98.2</td> <td>0.18 0.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 98.2 up to and including 98.4</td> <td>0.19 0.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 98.4 up to and including 98.6</td> <td>0.20 0.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 98.6 up to and including 98.8</td> <td>0.21 0.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 98.8 up to but not including 99.0</td> <td>0.22 0.30</td> </tr> </table>	▲ Min.	Max.	Up to and including 98.0	0.17 0.25	Over 98.0 up to and including 98.2	0.18 0.26	Over 98.2 up to and including 98.4	0.19 0.27	Over 98.4 up to and including 98.6	0.20 0.28	Over 98.6 up to and including 98.8	0.21 0.29	Over 98.8 up to but not including 99.0	0.22 0.30	ICUMSA GS 1-10(1998) Single Sulphation
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Dextran	Not exceeding 400 ppm	ICUMSA GS1-15(2007) Modified Alcohol Haze Roberts Method														
Sulphur Dioxide	Maximum 20 ppm	ICUMSA GS 2/3-35 (2000) NMKL 135 (1990) EN 1988-2 (1998) ICUMSA GS 2/1/7-33(2005) Rosaniline Colorimetric Method														

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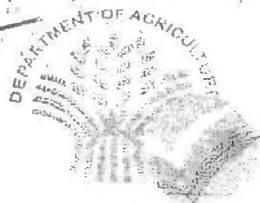
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GILBERTO F. LAYESE
Director

SUBJECT : **Approval of the Philippine National Standard on Raw Cane
Sugar and White Sugar**

DATE : **6 January 2010**

We are hereby submitting to your office the final drafts of the Philippine National Standards for Raw Cane and White Sugar.

The above mentioned standards were finalized taking into considerations the old standard for raw cane and white sugar, the existing Codex documents and texts and different government regulations. Relevant comments from all sugar stakeholders and advocacy groups were accounted for in the final drafts.

For your approval, Sirs.

Approved by:

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This standard sets a series of minimum requirements to be observed in the production and sale of white sugar as well as essential composition and quality factors, including methods of analysis, necessary for government regulatory activity, consumer protection and fair trade.

**PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR WHITE SUGAR
(PNS 82:2010)**

1. SCOPE AND DESCRIPTION

This Standard applies to the following sugars intended for human consumption without further processing (synonyms are in round brackets). It includes sugars sold directly to the final consumer and sugars used as ingredients in foodstuffs. The description of each of the sugars is also given below:

Sugar	Description
White sugar, Premium Grade	Purified and crystallised sucrose (saccharose) with a polarisation not less than 99.8°Z.
White sugar, Standard Grade	Purified and crystallised sucrose (saccharose) with a polarisation not less than 99.7°Z.
Plantation or mill white sugar	Purified and crystallized sucrose (saccharose) with a polarization not less than 99.5°Z.

2. FOOD ADDITIVES

Only food additive listed below may be used and only within the limits specified. Other additives from the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) and/or BFAD Circular 2006-016 or "Updated List of Food Additives" approved list may be used.

Wherever possible levels shall be as low as technologically achievable.

2.1. SULPHUR DIOXIDE

Sugar	Maximum permitted level (mg/kg)
White Sugar, Premium and Standard Grade	15
Plantation or mill white sugar	20

3. CONTAMINANTS

3.1 HEAVY METALS

White sugar shall comply with the maximum limits established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

3.2 PESTICIDE RESIDUES

White sugar shall comply with those maximum residue limits established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission for this commodity.

4. HYGIENE

It is recommended that the product covered by the provisions of this standard be prepared and handled in accordance with the appropriate sections of the Recommended International Code of Practice – General Principles of Food Hygiene recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC/RCP 1-1969 Rev. 4-2003) and other relevant Codes of Hygienic Practices. Provisions of the Revised Guidelines on Current Good Manufacturing Practices, Packing, Repacking, or Holding Food (BFAD Administrative Order No. 153 s. 2004), including Inspection Checklist for Sugar Millers/Refiners should apply.

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5.1 THE NAME OF THE FOOD

White sugar must conform to the description given for that product in Section 1 of the Standard.

6. METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING

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The composition and quality factors covered for this standard are set out in the following table.

Table 1: Additional Composition and Quality Factors

Composition and quality factors	White Sugar		PMWS
	Premium Grade	Standard Grade	
Conductivity ash (% m/m)	≤ 0.03	≤ 0.06	≤ 0.1
Invert sugar content (% m/m)	≤ 0.04	≤ 0.08	≤ 0.1
Loss on drying (% m/m)	≤ 0.04	≤ 0.08	≤ 0.1
Colour (ICUMSA units)	≤ 50	≤ 120	≤ 150

II. ADDITIONAL METHODS OF ANALYSIS

Codex Stan 234-1999 Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (See also Volume 13 of the Codex Alimentarius)

Composition and quality factors	White Sugar	PMWS
Polarization	ICUMSA GS 2/3-1(1994) Polarimetry	ICUMSA GS 1/2/3-1(1994) Polarimetry
Conductivity ash (% m/m)	ICUMSA GS 2/3-17 (2002) – Conductimetry	ICUMSA GS 1/3/4/7/8-13 (1994) – Conductimetry
Invert sugar content (% m/m)	ICUMSA GS 2/3/9-5 (2007) – Titrimetry (Knight and Allen EDTA Method)	ICUMSA GS 2/3/9-5 (2007) – Titrimetry (Knight and Allen EDTA Method)
Loss on drying (% m/m)	ICUMSA GS 2/1/3/9-15 (2007) – Gravimetry	ICUMSA GS 2/1/3/9-15 (2007) – Gravimetry
Colour (ICUMSA units)	ICUMSA GS 2/3-10(1998)	ICUMSA GS 2/3-10(1998)
Sulfur Dioxide	ICUMSA GS 2/3-35(2000) – Enzymatic Method ICUMSA GS 2/1/7-33 (2005) –Rosaniline Colorimetric Method	ICUMSA GS 2/3-35(2000) – Enzymatic Method ICUMSA GS 2/1/7-33 (2005) – Rosaniline Colorimetric Method