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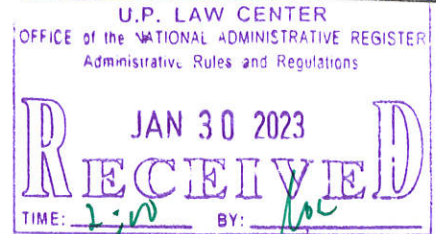
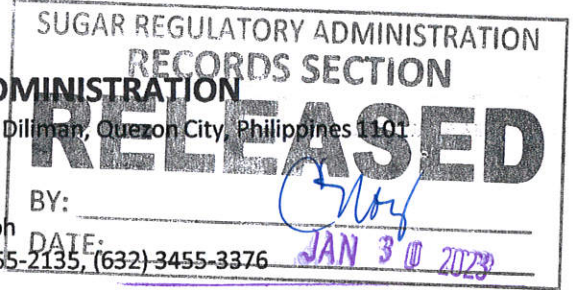
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SUGAR ORDER No. 4

Series of 2022-2023

SUBJECT: INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF SUGAR MONITORING SYSTEM (SMS) DIGITALIZATION

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 18, series of 1986 provides that the SRA shall have the power and function to institute, implement and regulate an orderly system of queдання, disposition, and withdrawals of various forms of sugar from warehouses;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Sugar Supply Monitoring System of Republic Act No. 10659 likewise provides that the SRA is mandated to regulate the supply of sugar in the country in addition to its powers and functions under Executive Order No. 18, series of 1986, to establish a supply chain monitoring system from sugarcane to sugar at the retail level to ensure sufficiency and safety of sugar;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the said law and in order to have real-time information on the sugar data from the mills and refineries, all mills and refineries are required, on a weekly basis, for purposes of furnishing information of the mills/refineries production, withdrawals and stock balance to provide information on the availability and movement of molasses production by mills/refineries and of mill site & subsidiary warehouses inventory report of raw and refined sugar stocks; to furnish information on the details of withdrawals of raw and refined sugar in the mill district; and, to monitor raw sugar received for refinery for refined sugar productions;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the thrust of the national government to streamline its procedures by adopting automation and digitization of government services"; by strengthening the government's technology capabilities such as the establishment of data centers and cybersecurity facilities; harmonization of common data related to persons, transportation, and multiple domains; the use of open-source systems; investment in the development of organizational capability and staff competencies; and more importantly, the creation of a Digital Transformation Department (DTD) in "every government agency, office, corporation, instrumentality, and unit";

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2022, the SRA conducted an online stakeholder's meeting and consultation for an initial software demonstration on the sugar monitoring system;



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WHEREAS, in order to adapt and keep pace with the fast technology upgrade; to provide the fast-changing demands of stakeholders, and for SRA to keep abreast with the latest information and monitoring-updates, hence, this moves for digitization;

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the powers vested in SRA, it is hereby ordered that:

Section 1. Starting the week ending January 29, 2023, all sugar mills and refineries are required to submit their SMS forms generated from the SRA SMS web portal. Any SMS report submitted thereafter, not generated from the SMS Portal shall be denied acceptance and subject to the corresponding penalties as per Sugar Order No. 10, series of 2010. In relation thereto, all regulations officers are directed not to accept and process SMS forms not generated from the SMS portal;

Section 2. Upon adoption of this sugar order/circular letter, sugar mills and refineries are directed to encode previous crop year/s production/withdrawal data as beginning balance. The beginning balance week ending should be the week ending prior to implementation of this Sugar Order/Circular Letter;

Section 3. Sugar mills and refineries are only limited and allowed to submit up to two (2) draft data from the SMS portal. Repetitive submission of SMS data shall be considered as non-submission and will be charged in accordance with the provisions of Sugar Order No. 10, series of 2010 with the corresponding penalty to be imposed thereby;

Section 4. An approval from the Office of the Administrator shall be sought should there be any updating, modification, or editing of final and submitted Sugar Production/Withdrawal data by the sugar mills and refineries. The request shall be submitted by the concerned sugar mill to the SRA through the regulation officers assigned on-site.

Section 5. Sugar mills, refineries, planter's association and cooperatives, for purposes of uniformity, familiarity, accessibility, and accountability, are required to enroll and access credentials of its certified users that is limited to three (3) individuals. Any change in the user/s by the sugar mills and refineries should be with the prior consent of the SRA;

Section 6. For uniformity and consistency, and to standardize the unit of measurement for sugar production/withdrawal, all sugar mills and refineries are directed to use the LKg (50-kilograms) when referring to the quantity of sugar instead of metric tons;

Section 7. To give effect to the purpose and intention of this program, sugar mills and refineries are directed to adopt digital signature before submitting or uploading all SMS data to SRA portal;

Section 8. The PPSPD-MIS office is hereby directed to develop a "User's Manual or Guide" on how to use the SRA SMS Web Portal and disseminate the same to the verified users;

Section 9. Any act of defacing, obliterating, hacking, or reverse-engineering the SRA-SMS Web Portal website is a criminal offense punishable under Republic Act 10175 or the Cyber Crime Prevention Act of 2012 and other related penal laws and shall be prosecuted accordingly in the courts of law of the country;

Section 10. Non-compliance with this sugar order shall be penalized in accordance with the provisions of Sugar Order No. 10, series of 2010, and other SRA issuances;

SECTION 11. Separability Clause. Should there be any provision in this special order which may be deemed invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 12. Repealing Clause. Any sugar orders, circular letters or other SRA issuances that are not consistent with this policy are hereby amended, repealed, or revoked accordingly.


SECTION 13. Effectivity. A copy of this Order shall be filed with the Office of the National Administrative Registrar, U.P. Law Center, Diliman, Quezon City, and shall take effect immediately.


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