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**Subject: Creation of an Ethanol Program Consultative Committee (EPCC)
and Technical Working Group and Secretariat (TWGS)**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 18, which created the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) states that, *"it is the policy of the State to promote the growth and development of the sugar industry through greater and significant participation of the private sector"*;

WHEREAS, among the powers and functions of SRA in E.O. 18 are: to explore and expand the domestic market and foreign markets for sugar and by-products and to evaluate and recommend to the President new projects involving the production of sugar and its by-products and other products derived from sugarcane and sugar;

WHEREAS, during the last two years, the sugar industry has already attained self-sufficiency levels of production and there is now a greater need to promote and maintain a proper balance of production of sugar and its co-products and by-products requiring the industry to set sights on the same;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Clean Air Act promotes the use of alternative fuels to significantly reduce emissions and mandates DENR and other related agencies to fully implement a national plan consistent with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other international agreements, conventions and protocols on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the country;

WHEREAS, ethanol is one such alternative fuel that do not emit greenhouse gas and sugar co-products and by-products can be produced in large-scale and sustainable manner.

NOW THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the powers vested in the Sugar Regulatory Administration under E.O. 18, it is hereby ordered that:

Section 1. An Ethanol Project Consultative Committee or EPCC, is hereby organized with the following duties and functions:

- a). To provide an effective forum for the discussion and analysis of issues and concerns regarding the promotion and development of ethanol as a renewable fuel.

- b). Provide feedback mechanism among and between sugar industry stakeholders on the promotion of policies and programs pertaining to the production and use of ethanol as a sugarcane by-product.
- c). Enhance government interest and support on the use of ethanol from sugarcane as a renewable fuel.
- d). Supervise the conduct and review of studies pertaining to the viability of ethanol production from sugarcane as an alternative/renewable fuel.
- e). If deemed viable, submit recommendations to the executive and legislative branches of government for the formulation and implementation of a national policy to promote the development and use of ethanol as a gasoline octane enhancer and as a renewable supplementary fuel and the inclusion of the same in the Medium and Long-Term Economic Plan of the government.
- f). To secure funds and designate consultants and experts, as needed, to facilitate the implementation of the committee's duties and responsibilities and the attainment of the objectives of this Order.

Section 2. To serve as a working body to assist the EPCC in pursuing its goals and objectives, a Technical Working Group and Secretariat (TWGS) is hereby organized with the following duties and functions:

- a). To provide administrative support to the EPCC in the effective implementation of its duties and functions.
- b). To provide technical know-how and assistance in the conduct of specific activities and researches as required by the EPCC in line with the study on the viability of producing and using ethanol from sugarcane as renewable supplementary fuel.
- c). To obtain and collect all relevant literatures, studies and government policies and programs pertaining to the production of ethanol from sugarcane and the subsequent use of the same as fuel for the transport sector.
- d). To report periodically to the EPCC about the update/status of studies/activities assigned by the Committee.
- e). To identify and recommend to the EPCC consultants/experts needed for the pursuance of the objectives of this Order.

Section 3. This Sugar Order shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the Sugar Board


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