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IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE ADVANCE SWAPPING INTO/EXPORT OF "D" OR WORLD MARKET SUGAR

WHEREAS, Sugar Order No. 10, Series of 2003-2004 re; Advance Swapping into "D' or World Market Sugar of Sugar Produced During Crop year 2003-2004, provides a deadline (30 October 2004) for application for the said swapping and a period (August to December 2004 within which the "D" sugar shall be exported to the world market;

WHEREAS, there is a need to facilitate the advance swapping of "A" and "B" sugar produced during CY 2003-2004 into "D" sugar and its export into the world market within the period prescribed by the said Sugar Order in order to dispose of our excess sugar prior to the start of the peak production period of next CY 2004-2005;

WHEREAS, there is also a need to ensure that the traders/exporters shall be able to replenish their "A" and "B" sugars of CY 2003-2004 exported to the world marker as "D" sugar;

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the authority vested in the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) and pursuant to Sugar Order No. 10, Series of 2003-2004, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned to facilitate the advance swapping into "D" sugar and export of same into the world market, to wit;

SECTION 1. To Facilitate Advance Swapping Of "A" and "B" Sugars into "D" Sugar

- a. The sugar producers (planters/millers) through their federations/associations shall offer their "D" sugar still to be produced in CY 2004-2005 to the traders/exporters holding "A"/"B" quedans of current CY 2003-2004 through a bidding/negotiation process.
- b. The SRA shall facilitate the bidding process if and when called upon. It shall see to it that the subject bidding shall be held as early as possible to give lead time to the processing of the "A" and "B" quedans, subject of advance swapping taking into consideration the 30 October 2004 deadline of filing of application for advance swapping.