

**[SRA SUGAR ORDER NO. 6, S. OF 2007-2008,
October 23, 2007]**

**FILLING UP THE U.S. QUOTA FOR QUOTA YEAR 2007-2008 AND
VERIFICATION AND SHIPMENT SCHEDULES**

WHEREAS, the United States of America has allocated for the Philippines as initial quota of 142,160 Metric Tons Raw Value (MTRV) or 137, 353 Metric Tons Commercial Weight (MTCW) for Quota Year 2007-2008;

WHEREAS, under the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) country allocations for raw sugar for the said Quota Year, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has waived the quarterly shipment requirement (shipping pattern restrictions) of our regular allocation of 137, 353 MTCW;

WHEREAS, Certificate for Quota Eligibility (CQE) will be issued to the Philippines to ship any volume of raw sugar at any given time/period as part of our regular allocation of 137, 353 MTCW within the Quota Year 2007-2008;

WHEREAS, it is in the national interest that the "First Come-First Served" policy of allocating the U.S. Quota among sugar traders/exporters shall apply;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that the full quota is actually shipped to the United States after the verification of "A" quedans has been accomplished;

WHEREAS, records show that the requirement of the Undertaking to Ship Out in the preceding crop year contributed to the complete filling up of the U.S. Quota for 2006-2007;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the filling up of the U.S. Quota in the past, when necessary, the SRA had to impose verification deadlines for the "A" quedans taking into consideration the economical volume requirement for one shipment and the shippers have time to gather the "A" quedans scattered all over the country;

WHEREAS, the Sugar Alliance of the Philippines, in the immediately preceding crop year, has recommended to SRA to "issue a Sugar Order that will set up guidelines for the verification of the "A" quedans as produced in order to ensure the timely shipment of the sugar to the U.S. market.

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the authority vested in the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), it is hereby ordered that:

SECTION 1. Sugar exporters with "A" or U.S. Quota sugar quedan-permits issued during the current Crop Year 2007-2008 and the previous Crop Year/s, (unshipped, verified and reinstated "A" sugar) not covered by SRA Sugar Order No. 4 and Circular Letter No. 16, both of Series of 2005-2006, are hereby advised to apply