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MONITORING OF IMPORTED SUGAR UNDER THE CUSTOMS BONDED WAREHOUSE (CBW) FROM THE BOC TO THE IMPORTER'S/CONSIGNEE'S WAREHOUSE

Pursuant to Operational Provision No. 5C of the Joint Memorandum Order (JMO) No. 4-2002 between the SRA and BOC, which we quote hereunder:

"If classified as "D" sugar (world export), the shipment ... shall be released to the importer/consignee but only in the presence of SRA designated representative/s who shall closely monitor its movement from customs to the consignee's/importer's premises ...",

effective immediately, all concerned processors/exporters who are importing sugar under the CBW for their sugar-based products for export are hereby enjoined to inform, through a Notice to Withdraw from the BOC (copy hereto attached*), the Production Control and Regulation Office (PCRO), SRA, Quezon City about the date and time of departure of their sugar shipments from the BOC in order for the SRA to send its representative/s to the BOC to effect the withdrawal therefrom of their imported sugar.

The said of Notice to Withdraw From the BOC shall be sent to the PCRO, SRA, Quezon City at least a day before the scheduled withdrawal of the shipment from the BOC. The "First-Come First-Served" basis shall apply in providing the importer/consignee with the SRA representative for the said withdrawal.

Failure of the concerned importer/consignee to notify this Office and effect the withdrawal of the imported sugar without SRA representative to monitor its movements from BOC to the importer's consignee's warehouse shall mean cancellation/revocation of the clearance issued by the SRA to cover the withdrawn imported sugar and the Certificate of sugar Requirements (import allocation for the year) without prejudice to the filing of administrative and criminal charges by the SRA against the importer/consignee violating this Order.

However, the SRA reserves the right to waive the aforesaid requirement of monitoring the imported sugar from BOC to the importer's /consignee warehouse should the SRA find it unnecessary. The SRA representative at the BOC shall, in coordination with the BOC personnel, allow the release of the sugar shipment through the attached Notice of Waiver duly authorized by the SRA Administrator or his authorized representative. The information on the said waiver should be properly verified/checked by the SRA personnel and submits a copy of the same to