

**[DOH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 82, S. 2003,
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**GUIDELINES ON THE GRANTING OF DIAMOND SANGKAP PINOY
SEAL TO MANUFACTURERS OF FORTIFIED PRODUCTS**

I. RATIONALE

The Fifth (5th) National Nutrition Survey of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shows that micronutrient malnutrition, particularly deficiencies in Vitamin A, Iron and Iodine, is still a major public health problem. To address this problem, the Philippines has adapted the main strategy of fortification of commonly consumed foods to increase the micronutrient intake of the population particularly of the at-risk groups of women and children and thus, eliminate the problem of micronutrient malnutrition. In support of this strategy, two (2) major laws have been passed, Republic Act 8172 or the Asin Law which was enacted in 1995, mandates that all salt for human and animal consumption be fortified with iodine. Republic Act 8976 or the Food Fortification law of 2000, mandates the fortification of flour with Vitamin A and iron, sugar with Vitamin A, cooking oil with Vitamin A and rice with iron by November 7, 2004. Articles 7, 12, 21 and 22 of Republic Act 7394, Consumer Act of the Philippines further requires the Department of Health to establish standards of identity and quality of foods.

In support of all these laws, Administrative Order (AO) No. 4-A s. 1995 was issued by the DOH to establish guidelines for the micronutrient fortification of processed foods. As distinguished from the Sangkap Pinoy Seal, the Diamond Sangkap Pinoy Seal (DSP) shall be awarded to all manufacturers of staples who have applied for the Diamond Sangkap Pinoy Seal and have complied with the quality standards according to the IRR of RA 8172 and RA 8976.

Under this order, a DSP seal is to be awarded to manufacturers of staple foods. This Order prescribes the guidelines for the awarding of Diamond Sangkap Pinoy Seal.

II. COVERAGE

This order shall cover manufacturers of staples, namely rice, sugar, cooking oil, flour and salt nationwide.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purpose of these guidelines, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. **Fortification** shall mean addition of micronutrients to staple foods such as rice, sugar, cooking oil, flour and salt based on the

recommended standard set by BFAD-DOH. This also means the addition of micronutrient to processed foods at levels above the natural state.

- b. **Micronutrients** are nutrients needed by the body in small amount but must be supplied.
- c. **Staples** shall refer to food items that are widely and regularly consumed by the general public. These include rice, sugar, cooking oil, flour and salt.
- d. **Diamond Sangkap Pinoy Seal** shall refer to the seal of good nutrition quality that will be awarded as an incentive to BFAD registered staple manufacturer who will fortify their products according to standards.
- e. **Food Manufacturers** refers to millers, refiners, processors of food, repackers and importers.
- f. **BFAD** means Bureau of Food and Drugs
- g. **DOH** means Department of Health
- h. **RDA** means Recommended Dietary Allowance
- i. **CHD** means Center for Health Development
- j. **LGU** means Local Government Units
- k. **NFA** means National Food Authority
- l. **SRA** means Sugar Regulatory Administration
- m. **PCA** means Philippine Coconut Authority

IV. STATEMENT OF POLICIES

- a. Food Fortification staples shall be encouraged to address the micronutrients deficiency in the Filipino diet, based on the daily needs using the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA).
- b. RA 8172 or ASIN Law (1995) and RA 8976 or Food Fortification Law (2000), the major products will be fortified as follows:
 - 1. rice with iron
 - 2. sugar with Vitamin A
 - 3. cooking oil with vitamin A
 - 4. flour with vitamin A and iron
 - 5. salt with iodine