

[DOLE DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 15, S. 1997, July 10, 1997]

**PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE SPECIAL
DISTRIBUTION OF THE UNCLAIMED/UNDISTRIBUTED CASH
BONUS FUND (UCBF) UNDER RA 6982**

In view of the sugar crises that economically beset the workers in the sugar industry, the following guidelines are hereby issued to ensure fast tracking of the disposition/distribution of the unclaimed cash bonus fund to its rightful claimants.

SECTION 1. Term of Reference. — The unclaimed/undistributed cash bonus fund refers to:

- a. all remaining balances of the 80 % Social Amelioration Program Cash Bonus Fund (SAP-CBF), including interest earnings derived therefrom, still in the custody of the sugar mills and planters associations/cooperatives as a result of failure of individual planters to claim their workers share;
- b. all remaining balances of the 80 % SAP-CBF, including interest earnings derived therefrom, still in the custody of the mill and individual planters due their respective workers; and
- c. all withdrawn, or remaining balances or unclaimed/undistributed cash bonus fund remitted by the mills and planters associations with the DOLE-Regional Offices, including interest earnings derived therefrom.

SECTION 2. Coverage. — All UCBF covering crop years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 shall be covered by the special distribution.

SECTION 3. Recovery of UCBF. — All DOLE-Regional Offices are hereby directed to conduct verification and validation of the UCBF balances with the sugar mills and planters associations as well as individual planters to determine their accountabilities pursuant to Rule VIII of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 6932.

After such a determination, the Regional Offices are further directed to arrange conference/meetings with the concerned PAs/Mills demand full remittance of the UCBF in their custody.

Within fifteen (15) days after such meetings the concerned mills, planter associations/cooperatives and individual planters are required to fully remit to the Regional Office all UCBF still in their custody. Otherwise, legal action shall be instituted against the responsible parties pursuant to Section 13 of RA 6982.

SECTION 4. Distribution of Recovered UCBF. — To allow late claimants to