

[SRA SUGAR ORDER NO. 2, September 22, 1997]

**FILLING UP THE FIRST QUARTER U.S. SUGAR QUOTA
ALLOCATION FOR QUOTA YEAR 1997-98**

WHEREAS, the United States has allocated for the Philippines a total of 145, 908 Metric Tons Commercial Weights (MTCW) of raw sugar for quota year 1997-98;

WHEREAS, it is to the best interest of the Philippines to fill up its First Quarter U.S. Sugar allocation of 36, 477 MTCW on time or within schedule;

WHEREAS, the National Food Authority (NFA) has an unshipped volume of 16, 152 MTCW intended for the Fourth Quarter of the previous U.S. Quota Year 1996-97;

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

SECTION 1. In addition to the "A" or U.S. Quota sugar produced during the current Crop Year 1997-98 (New Crop), the "A" sugar produced after week-ending 15 June 1997 of the previous Crop Year 1996-97 (Old Crop) shall, likewise, be eligible for export to fill up the said First Quarter allocation.

SECTION 2. The volume of 16,152 MTCW of the NFA intended for export for the Fourth Quarter of the previous U.S. Quota Year 1996-97 shall now become part of the First Quarter allocation of 36,477 MTCW for Quota Year 1997-98, in which case, said export shall no longer be entitled to a countertrade or importation of the same volume of raw sugar by the NFA.

SECTION 3. The balance of 20,325 MTCW to complete the filling up of the said volume of the First Quarter shall be allocated among sugar exporters on a "First-come-First served" basis.

SECTION 4. The "A" or U.S. Quota Sugar to fill up the First Quarter allocation for Quota Year 1997-98 should be of good quality and preferably near the bulk terminals/loading ports.

SECTION 5. All forms and/or documents relevant to export of sugar to U.S. market as prescribed in Circular Letter No. 44, Series of 1995-96, shall remain in force.

SECTION 6. The deadline for the submission of "A" quedan-permits for verification shall be on 20 October 1997.

SECTION 7. Provisions of Sugar Orders, Circular letters, and/or other rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Sugar Order, are hereby amended, modified or revoked accordingly.