

**[PCA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 01, August
06, 1991]**

**REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT NEW COPRA
CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS**

SECTION 1. Coverage — The standards provided for in these rules shall be applicable to all copra sold to or traded in the domestic or foreign market by: copra dealers, oil millers including their buying stations, and agents dealing with physical transfer of the commodity. However, the individuals and entities mentioned herein may set stricter standards of limitation, including requirements for rejection depending on the special quality of copra that they may require.

SECTION 2. Moisture Content — Unless otherwise revised or changed by the Authority at any time after the issuance of these rules, the base price shall be set for copra at a moisture of twelve percent (12%), that is, semi-resecada. Price adjustments for copra shall be within the moisture range of twelve percent (12%) to seven percent (7%) as indicated in the moisture scale given in Table A1.* The adjustment represents a simple allowance for weight lost during drying.

Copra with a moisture content in excess of twelve percent (12%) must be rejected with the single exception of Tapahan dried copra within the moisture range of twelve point one percent (12.1%) to fourteen percent (14%) which may be purchased by PCA certified traders, who must immediately carry out secondary drying to attain twelve percent (12%) moisture or less on receipt. However, copra in this category shall not qualify for ARM premiums in Table B.* Price adjustments for this Tapahan dried copra are given in Table A2* which discounts the copra to allow for drying costs.

All copra dealers, copra exporters and oil millers, trading in quantities of 500 kg. or more shall use a sampling spear in combination with a Brown-Duvel moisture meter for the determination of moisture in copra deliveries. Those trading in quantities less than 500 kg. may use the "break" method for moisture estimation for a period of one year from the effectivity hereof, or until such time as a more suitable method becomes available, whichever comes earlier.

SECTION 3. Grading by Aflatoxin Regulated Mold (ARM) — All copra traded shall be classified into four grades according to the percentage of Aflatoxin Related Mold (ARM) found on examination using the procedures given in Annex 2.* ARM is defined as a mold that is yellow-green in color together with molds that have penetrated the surface of the copra making indentations or holes that are easiest seen in a cross-section when the copra is split. Unless otherwise revised or changed by the Authority the grades based on Aflatoxin Related Mold and the associated price adjustments are those given in Table B.*