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**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) ON THE
ISSUANCE OF CLEARANCE FOR RELEASE OF IMPORTED HIGH
FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP (HFCS) AND CHEMICALLY PURE
SUCROSE**

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Pursuant to Sugar Order No. 3, Series of 2016-2017, dated 17 February 2017, on the abovementioned subject, hereunder are the guidelines on the importation of HFCS and chemically pure sucrose (i.e. crystalline fructose), in whatever intensity or form (hereinafter referred to as "Fructose"), to wit:

1. Requirements on the Issuance of Clearance for Release of Imported Fructose

1.1 Only importers or consignees duly registered as international sugar trader with the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) are eligible to apply for the Clearance to Release of Imported Fructose ("Clearance").

1.2 The Clearance shall be issued upon application, submission of the requirements by the importer/consignee with the SRA Regulation Department, Quezon City and classification of the Imported Fructose by the Sugar Board.

The requirements in the application for issuance of the Clearance are enumerated in Paragraph 6 (6.1.1).

1.3 The application for the Clearance shall be subject to applicable fees, liens or charges of SRA.

1.4 The Clearance domestic market, "C" for Reserved, or "D" for World Market.

1.5 No applications for Clearance shall be accepted for processing unless all the requirements are duly complied with and applicable fees and charges are paid.

2. Computation of Clearance Fee for Release of Imported Fructose

The corresponding Clearance Fee shall be computed as:

2.1 Php30.00/50-kilo (LKg) bag of raw sugar equivalent of the Fructose, established, thus:

2.1.1 One (1) Metric Ton of HFCS shall be equivalent to twenty (20) LKg-Bags of raw sugar

2.1.2 One (1) Metric Ton of Crystalline Fructose shall be equivalent to twenty four (24) LKg-Bags of raw sugar

3. Classification and Reclassification of Imported Fructose

3.1 Upon submission by the importer or consignee of all the documentary requirements with SRA Regulation Department, Quezon City, the application shall be endorsed to the Sugar Board for purposes of classifying the imported fructose as either "B" or Domestic Market, "C" for Reserved or "D" for World Market.

3.2 If the imported fructose is originally classified as "C" for Reserved, the importer or consignee must request the SRA Board for the reclassification of imported fructose originally classified as "C" to either "B" or "D". The importer or consignee must indicate in its request for reclassification the volume to be reclassified, the address of the warehouse where "C" fructose is to be delivered, and must pay reclassification fee of Php 60.00 per metric ton.

4. Withdrawals of Fructose

4.1 All imported Fructose withdrawn from the BOC after issuance of the Clearance for Release of Imported Fructose by SRA shall be stored in a custom bonded warehouse.

4.2 No imported fructose classified as "C" shall be withdrawn from the custom bonded warehouse without an approved reclassification as "B" (for consumption) or "D" (for export) by the Sugar Board and approved SRA Clearance.

5. Warehousing and Monitoring of Imported Fructose

5.1 All imported fructose shall be stored in a custom bonded warehouse prior to its release for consumption or export.

5.2 The importer or consignee of imported fructose shall inform the SRA Regulation Department, Quezon City at least three (3) working days in advance of the date of withdrawal of the Fructose from the BOC to the custom bonded warehouse.

The description and plate number/s of the vehicle/s to transport the same, and the detailed address/s of the warehouses/s or destination/s (including intermediate or transshipment destination/s) or the Fructose shall be included.

5.3 All custom bonded warehouses storing Fructose shall maintain a ledger recording therein date of receipt, the volume of Fructose received/stored, its classification, volume and date/s withdrawn. The ledger shall be kept and updated by an authorized personnel of the importer or consignee.