

[SRA SUGAR ORDER NO. 1, s. 98-99, August 28, 1998]

SUGAR POLICY FOR CROP YEAR 1998-99

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 18, dated 28 May 1986, vested the Sugar Regulatory Administration with the power "to establish and maintain a balanced relationship between sugar production and the requirements of sugar and to maintain such marketing conditions as will ensure stabilized prices at a level reasonably profitable to the producers and fair to consumers";

WHEREAS, domestic demand is estimated to be at One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Metric Tons (1,800,000 M.T) this Crop Year 1998-99;

WHEREAS, the United States has allocated for the Philippines a Sugar Quota for Quota Year 1998-99, said quota to be officially announced later;

WHEREAS, there is also, a need to allocate portion of the Crop Year 1998-99 production for the Philippine Food Processors' and Exporters' Organization (PHILFOODEX) in order to provide cheaper sugar to PHILFOODEX to enable them to remain competitive in the world Market;

WHEREAS, in order to promote the effective merchandising of sugar and its by-products in the domestic and foreign markets, it will be necessary to allocate the 1998-99 sugar production to such quantities as to place those engaged in the sugar industry on a basis of economic viability;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), it is hereby ordered that:

SECTION 1. Production and Classes of Sugar — Sugar production for the Crop Year 1998-99 (September 1, 1998 to August 31, 1999) is estimated at 1,700,000 metric tons and shall be apportioned by the mill companies, as implementors of this Sugar Order, in the following percentages:

"A" or U.S. Quota Sugar	12%
"B" or Domestic Sugar	87%
"B-1" or Food Processors'/ Exporters' Sugar	1%
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SECTION 2. (a) As a general rule, except hereinafter provided, sugar and molasses production for the CY 1998-99 shall be issued by mill companies weekly sugar apportionment-permits/molasses storage certificates in the name of the individual planter