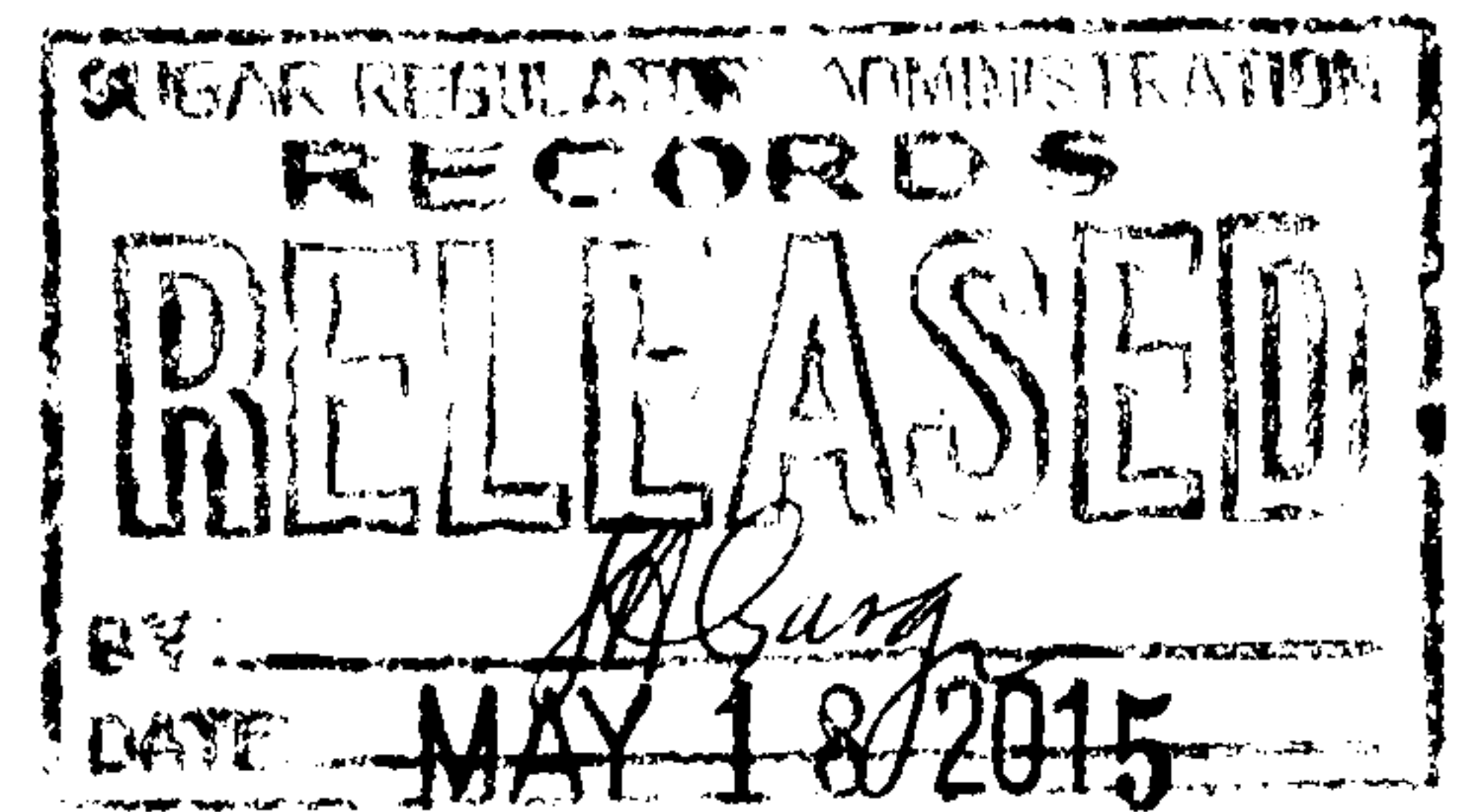




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MOLASSES ORDER NO. 1
Series of 2014-2015

SUBJECT : RULES AND REGULATIONS ON MOLASSES IMPORTATION

WHEREAS, the SRA has issued Molasses Order No. 1, Series of 1996-1997 providing for the Rules and Regulations of Imported Molasses;

WHEREAS, Section 8 (b), of the Sugarcane Industry Development Act of 2015 provides that distilleries, using molasses, sugar or sugarcane as ingredient for alcohol shall register with SRA: Provided, That importers and consignees of imported molasses regularly report to the SRA, among other information, the volume of molasses imported;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Biofuels Act of 2006 provides that all liquid fuels for motors and engines sold in the Philippines shall contain locally-sourced biofuels components;

WHEREAS, the Biofuels Act of 2006 defined biofuels as bioethanol and biodiesel and other fuels made from biomass;

WHEREAS, locally-produced molasses is one of the feedstocks used in the manufacture of bioethanol fuel;

WHEREAS, Section 11 d (1) of the Biofuels Act of 2006 mandates the Administrator of SRA to develop and implement policies supporting the Philippine Biofuels Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the regulatory powers vested in the SRA, it is hereby ordered that:


Section 1. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS. The importer/consignee of the imported molasses shall submit to the SRA the Deed of Undertaking stating therein the Name, Address of End-User, Location of Storage Tanks and End-Use or Final Product of imported molasses. Likewise a Notice to Withdraw from the Bureau of Customs (BOC) shall be submitted two (2) days prior to the withdrawals of the molasses from the BOC copies hereto attached.



Section 2. All imported molasses are subject to close monitoring by the SRA to ensure that such imported molasses are not diverted for use as feedstock in the production of bioethanol fuel;

Section 3. Provisions of Sugar Orders, Circular Letters, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.


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Administrator