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TO : SUGAR MILLS, SUGAR REFINERIES and OTHERS CONCERNED


**SUBJECT : Department of Health Administrative Order 153 S. 2004:
Revised Guidelines on Current Good Manufacturing Practice in
Manufacture, Packing, Repacking and Holding Food**

The Bureau of Food and Drugs of the Department of Health (BFAD-DOH) is set to fully implement the DOH Administrative Order 153 S. 2004: *Revised Guidelines on Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacture, Packing, Repacking and Holding Food* on sugar mills and refineries by the end of December 2008. This is in line with BFAD's mandate to ensure food safety and quality as provided for under RA 3720. As the scope of the mandate covers sugar mills and refineries, BFAD will be conducting inspection/audits of your respective factories, the results of which will form basis for the issuance of the BFAD License to Operate.

Before the full implementation of the Administrative Order, i.e., during the transitory period (2007 and 2008), BFAD will provide assistance to sugar millers and refiners to level expectations and build capability to implement measures necessary to comply with the said Administrative order.

For your reference, the proposed GMP inspection checklist specifically for sugar millers/refiners based on A.O. 153 which would be used by BFAD in auditing your establishment may be downloaded from our website, www.sra.gov.ph.

For further information, you may also visit the BFAD website www.bfad.gov.ph.


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