CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 12-2011

Subject: Requiring the Submission of the Results of Laboratory Analysis by the Sugar Regulatory Administration of All Food Preparations Declared as Pre-Mixed Sugar Concentrates.

As an enforcement measure against the illegal entry of imported pre-mixed sugar concentrates and pre-mix commodities, and for purposes of monitoring by the Bureau and the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) on the classification and quantity thereof, all importations of premix commodities or those suspected to contain pre-mix sugar concentrates shall be subjected to laboratory analysis by the SRA.

No imported pre-mix commodities or pre-mix sugar concentrates shall be allowed release unless a copy of the Laboratory Report or Certificate of Analysis from the SRA is submitted by the importer, consignee or broker. Import shipments declared as premix commodities/food preparations but found after laboratory analysis to be raw sugar or refined/white sugar shall be recommended for seizure as being misdeclared and may be released only through public auction.

For purposes of this Order, SRA Sugar Order No. 7, series of 2003-2004 dated March 30, 2004 (copy attached) is being re-circulated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

For strict compliance.

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Commissioner