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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 4 of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1967, I,

Daniel Rakoro Phororo

Minister of Agriculture, Co-operatives and Marketing make the following regulations:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Marketing (Import of Sugar) Regulations, 1989 and shall come into operation on the date of their publication in the Gazette. Citation and commencement

2. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires, Interpretation

“refined sugar” means sugar which complies substantially with the following specification:

Polarization, not less than 99.9° S conductivity ash (5 degrees BX solution) not greater than 0.03%;

INCUMSA colour, not more than 125 (solution is not filtered nor deacrated but left to stand for one hour prior to colour measurement);

“specialty sugar” means any of the following products, namely, golden brown, soft brown, VHP (very high polarity) the production of which involves processing other than normal milling and refining;

“sugar” includes refined sugar or specialty sugar.

3. (1) A person wishing to obtain supplies of sugar from sources other than Lesotho Flour Mills through its subsidiary Lesotho Sugar Packers, shall do so only when in possession of a permit. Importation of sugar

(2) Every application for a permit under sub-regulation (1) shall be addressed to the Principal Secretary for the Ministry of Agriculture and Marketing.

(3) Every permit issued under this regulation shall be valid only in the district of issue and imported sugar shall come in through border post specified in the permit.

4. (1) A person who contravenes any provisions of these regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of five hundred Maloti or six months imprisonment. Offences and penalties

(2) Where a person is convicted under sub-regulation (1), in addition to any other penalty, the court may order that any sugar to which the conviction relates shall be forfeited to the Crown.

Daniel Rakoro Phororo,

Minister of Agriculture, Co-operatives and Marketing.