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(Under sections 9 and 28 of the Sugar Act, Cap. 42)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister responsible for trade by section 28 of the Sugar Act, and in consultation with the Uganda Sugar Industry Stakeholder Council, these Regulations are made this 9th day of September, 2025.

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Sugar Regulations, 2025.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context requires otherwise-

“Act” means the Sugar Act, Cap. 42;

“Council” means the Uganda Sugar Industry Stakeholder Council established by the Act;

“by-product of sugar” means any substance, other than sugar, produced during the process of manufacturing sugar;

“industry” means the sugar industry in Uganda and includes the growing of sugarcane and any other sugar producing crop, the manufacturing, refining, marketing and disposal of sugar and the by-products of sugar;

“miller” means a person licensed to operate a sugar mill, crusher or jaggery plant in Uganda for the production of sugar, industrial refined sugar, ethanol and other by-products of sugar;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for trade;

“outgrower” means any smallholder farmer or group of farmers that grow sugarcane specifically for sale to a sugar mill, persons licensed or registered under the Act.

PART II—UGANDA SUGAR INDUSTRY COUNCIL

3. Subcommittees of Council

(1) The Council may appoint one or more subcommittees, whether adhoc or otherwise, to assist it in the performance of its functions and may assign to any subcommittee such functions subject to such conditions as the Council may determine.

(2) Without limiting the general effect of subregulation (1), the Council shall establish the following subcommittees—

- (a) the subcommittee on sugarcane agronomic practices;
- (b) the subcommittee on pricing and marketing; and
- (c) the subcommittee on standards and quality assurance.

(3) The Council shall, in writing, prescribe the procedure to be followed by any subcommittee appointed under this regulation.

PART III—LICENSING OF MILLS AND PLANTS TO PROCESS SUGAR CANE

4. Licence to establish and operate mill

(1) A person shall not establish or operate a sugar mill, jaggery mill or a plant to process the by-products of sugarcane without a valid licence granted for that purpose by the Minister.

(2) Subregulation (1) applies to a person who intends to use sugarcane or sugar by-products for the production of ethanol or other products.

(3) A person shall not be granted a licence under subregulation (1) where—

- (a) the proposed mill or plant is to be situated in a place where there exists an established mill or plant and the surrounding land is not sufficient to produce enough sugarcane to support more than one mill or plant;
- (b) the natural resources to support the mill or plant such as water are not sufficient to support more than one mill or plant on a sustainable basis;

- (c) the mill to be established will adversely impact on the environment, the society, or the economic viability of the sugar industry in general; or
- (d) the person fails to provide an acceptable plan and undertaking on how the proposed mill or plant will develop new sources of sugarcane without affecting the existing sugar cane supply.

(4) Before a licence is refused under subregulation (3)(a), the Minister shall ensure that the existing mill or plant is being operated efficiently and the miller has the capacity or is willing to provide the capacity to mill all the sugar cane which may be produced in the area.

5. Application to establish and operate mill

(1) A person who intends to establish or operate a sugar mill, jaggery mill or a plant to process the by-products of sugarcane shall apply to the Council in Form 1 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(2) Without limiting the general effect of subregulation (1) an application shall contain the following—

- (a) the name and address of the applicant;
- (b) a description of the legal nature of the applicant (whether a sole proprietor, a company, a partnership, a cooperative, or an association);
- (c) the location of the proposed mill or plant;
- (d) the type of sugar to be produced (whether white, refined, semi-white, brown or jaggery);
- (e) the type of processing to be used at the mill or plant (whether vacuum pan centrifugal, open pan centrifugal, manual or non-centrifugal);
- (f) the cane crushing capacity of the mill or plant in metric tonnes per day;
- (g) the sources of sugarcane used to produce sugar, whether from own cane field, outgrowers or both;

- (h) a plan and undertaking on how the proposed mill or plant will develop new sources of sugarcane without affecting the existing sugarcane supply;
 - (i) a statement of the area under sugarcane growing and the available potential area for expansion of sugarcane growing, where the sugarcane to be used at the mill or plant is from fields owned or controlled by the applicant; and
 - (j) a statement indicating the value of the project costs that is to say, the cost of establishing the mill or plant.
- (3) In the case of an application to use sugarcane or sugar by-products for production of ethanol or other products, the application shall contain-
- (a) the details on the capacity of production in Kilo Liters Per Day and the quantity of sugarcane or sugar by-products in metric tons needed to be procured per annum;
 - (b) the details on whether the sugarcane or sugar by-products to be used are from the field or mill of the applicant or from outgrowers;
 - (c) the details on the production trends of ethanol or other products and the subsequent quantities of sugarcane or sugar by-products to be used in the period of three years; after obtaining a licence;
 - (d) the details on whether the applicant has the necessary certification for the manufacture of ethanol or other products obtained from the relevant government agency or department or any other person recognised by the Government.
- (4) An application shall be accompanied by the fee specified in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

6. Procedure for considering application

(1) Upon receipt of an application, the Council shall review the application to ensure that all the relevant documents are available to enable the processing of the application.

(2) In the processing of the application, the Council may consult with such other bodies as may appear to the Council to be appropriate.

(3) Where, upon review of an application under subregulation (1), the Council finds that the application is incomplete, the Council shall, in writing, request the applicant to provide additional information or clarify the information provided.

7. Report in respect of application

(1) The Council shall, within thirty days after receipt of an application or additional information, investigate and prepare a detailed report in respect of the application to enable the processing of the application.

(2) The Council shall, in considering an application under this regulation, have regard to the nature of the mill or plant to be established or operated.

(3) Where the applicant proposes to use any plant or equipment to provide waste management services, the Council shall, in assessing the application for the licence, inspect the proposed plant and equipment.

(4) The Council may charge a reasonable fee for inspection of any mill or plant for the purposes of processing an application under subregulation (3).

8. Recommendation of Council to Minister on application

(1) After considering and processing an application for a licence, the Council shall, in writing, recommend to the Minister to grant or refuse to grant a licence.

(2) The recommendation of the Council shall be in Form 2 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(3) Where the Council refuses to recommend the grant of a licence, the recommendation shall include the reasons for the refusal.

(4) A person dissatisfied with the recommendation of the Council may apply to the Minister for review of the recommendation.

(5) Where the Minister receives an application under subregulation (4), the Minister shall give his or her decision on the application within seven days after receipt of the application.

9. Grant of licence and refusal of application

(1) On receipt of the recommendation of the Council, the Minister may grant the applicant a licence or refuse the application for a licence.

(2) On the issuance of a licence, the person granted the licence shall pay the fee prescribed in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

(3) The decision to grant a licence or not shall be made within five working days after receipt of the recommendation of the Council and shall immediately be given to the applicant.

(4) Where the Minister refuses an application for a licence contrary to the recommendation of the Council to grant a licence, the decision of the Minister shall include the reasons for the refusal.

(5) Where the Minister refuses an application, the Minister may return the application to the Council for further consideration, giving reasons for returning the application.

(6) The Minister shall not unreasonably refuse an application where the Council has recommended that a licence be granted to an applicant.

(7) Where the Council recommends that a licence is not granted to an applicant, the Minister shall not grant the licence unless there are exceptional circumstances to justify the grant.

(8) Before the Minister grants a licence under subregulation (7), the Minister shall publish in the Gazette and at least two newspapers

of wide circulation in Uganda the exceptional circumstances upon which the Minister seeks to rely on to issue the licence contrary to the recommendation of the Council.

(9) A person dissatisfied with the decision of the Minister may apply to court for review of the decision.

(10) A licence shall be in Form 3 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

10. Validity of licence

(1) A licence shall be valid until it is revoked by the Minister on the recommendation of the Council.

(2) An applicant shall pay the annual maintenance fee specified in Schedule 2 to this regulations to maintain the validity of the licence.

11. Supervision of holder of licence

The Council shall supervise all persons granted a licence under these Regulations.

12. Suspension and revocation of licence

(1) The Minister may suspend or revoke a licence, where the Council recommends to the Minister the revocation or suspension of a licence.

(2) The Council may recommend to the Minister to suspend or revoke a licence where the Council is satisfied that the terms and conditions upon which the licence was granted are being contravened.

(3) Without limiting the general effect of subregulation (2), a licence may be suspended or revoked where –

- (a) the holder of the licence contravenes any provision of the Act or these Regulations and fails or ignores to rectify the contravention within ninety days after being notified by the Council;
- (b) the holder of the licence fails to procure the reinstatement of a licence which has been suspended by the Council within six months after suspension of such licence;

- (c) the holder of the licence, other than the holder of a licence for a new sugar mill, fails to produce sugar for two consecutive milling seasons;
- (d) in the case of a licence for a new sugar mill, the holder of the licence fails to commence sugar production within three years after the issuance of the licence.

(4) A person whose licence has been revoked may reapply to the Council for a new licence in accordance with the Act and these Regulations.

(5) Before the Council recommends the revocation or suspension of a licence, the Council shall give the holder of the licence the opportunity to remedy the breach for which the Council seeks to have the Minister revoke or suspend the licence.

(6) Where the Council recommends the suspension or revocation of a licence, the Council shall give reasons in writing for the recommendation, and the reasons shall be given to the holder of the licence with the opportunity to be heard.

(7) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Council to recommend the suspension or revocation of a licence may appeal to the Minister.

13. Commencement of business after grant of licence

(1) A person granted a licence shall commence business within three years after the grant of the licence.

(2) Where a person granted a licence does not commence business within three years after the grant of the licence, the Minister shall, on the recommendation of the Council, revoke the licence.

(3) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Minister under this regulation may apply to court for review of the decision.

14. Modification of mill or plant

(1) A person granted a licence under this Part shall not modify the sugar mill, jaggery mill or plant without the approval of the Minister, on the recommendation of the Council.

(2) In subregulation (1), “modify” means expanding or reducing the capacity of the mill or plant.

(3) A person who wishes to modify a mill or plant shall apply for approval in Form 4 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(4) Where the Council approves an application, the Council shall forward the application to the Minister for consideration and where Minister agrees with the recommendation of the Council, the Minister shall issue to the applicant a modified licence indicating the modifications approved by the Minister.

(5) The provisions on application for licence shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to the application for a licence under this regulation.

(6) An application under this regulation shall be accompanied by the fee specified in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

15. Registration of facilities to produce ethanol and other products

(1) A person who intends to establish a facility to manufacture ethanol or other products from sugarcane or sugar by-products shall, before establishing the facility, register with the Council.

(2) For the purposes of subregulation (1), a person who intends to establish a facility to manufacture ethanol or other products from sugarcane or sugar by-products shall, in writing, apply to the Council for registration.

(3) Without prejudice to subregulation (2), an application for registration shall contain the following-

- (a) the name and address of the applicant;
- (b) the legal nature of the applicant including whether the applicant is a sole proprietor, a company, a partnership, a cooperative, or an association;
- (c) the location where the applicant proposes to manufacture the sugarcane or sugar by-products;

- (d) details on the capacity of production in Kilo Liters Per Day and the quantity of sugarcane or sugar by-products in metric tons needed to be procured per annum;
- (e) details on whether the sugarcane or sugar by-products to be used are from the field or mill of the applicant or from outgrowers;
- (f) details on the production trends of ethanol or other products and the subsequent quantities of sugarcane or sugar by-products to be used in the period of three years after the establishment of the plant.
- (g) details on whether the applicant has the necessary certification for the manufacture of ethanol or other products obtained from the relevant government agency or department or any other person recognised by the Government.

(4) The provisions applicable to the licensing of sugar mills under these Regulations shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to registration under this regulation.

(5) The Council may refuse to register a facility under this regulation where—

- (a) the facility is to be established in an area where a licensed mill or plant operates, and the surrounding land is not sufficient to produce enough sugarcane to support more than one than mill or plant;
- (b) the resources, including water resources, are not sufficient to support the facility on a sustainable basis; or
- (c) the facility to be established may adversely impact the environment, society or the economic viability of the sugar industry in general.

(6) The Council shall keep and maintain a register of facilities registered under this regulation.

16. Commercial agreement by producers of ethanol

(1) Every person registered to manufacture ethanol or other products shall enter into an agreement with outgrowers or growers' associations in respect of the supply of sugarcane or sugar by-products.

(2) An agreement under subregulation (1) shall contain the following—

- (a) the quantity of sugarcane or sugar by-products to be delivered during a specified period;
- (b) the obligations of the parties;
- (c) the schedule of harvesting and delivery of sugarcane;
- (d) the price to be paid or if no price has been agreed, the formula for determining the price and the latest date by which a price shall have been determined; and
- (e) the terms of payment and the rate of interest payable by the manufacturer on sums of money not paid in accordance with the agreement.

17. Deregistration of ethanol producer

(1) Where a registered manufacturer of ethanol or other products does not comply with the provisions of these Regulations, the Council may, after giving the manufacturer due process, deregister the manufacturer.

(2) A manufacturer who has been deregistered under subregulation (1) may apply to the Council for registration after complying with the provisions of these Regulations and such other conditions as the Council may, in writing, impose.

PART IV—REGISTRATION OF SUGAR CANE GROWERS

18. Purpose of registration of outgrowers

The purpose of registering outgrowers is—

- (a) to monitor sugar cane production and cane farming by outgrowers;

- (b) to regulate sugarcane quality;
- (c) to establish a basis for planning and making appropriate estimates of inputs; and
- (d) to determine sugarcane outgrowers credit requirements.

19. Restriction on growing or selling sugar cane without registration

(1) A person shall not grow or supply sugarcane to a person licensed or registered under these Regulations unless the person is registered with the Council.

(2) A person licensed under these Regulations shall not procure or buy sugarcane from a person who is not registered by the Council.

(3) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding two currency points or imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

20. Registration of outgrowers

(1) All outgrowers shall register with the Council.

(2) An application for registration shall be in Form 5 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(3) Upon registration, a grower shall be issued with a registration certificate in Form 6 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations and shall contain an outgrower registration number.

(4) The Council shall not charge fees for registration of outgrowers.

21. Register of outgrowers

(1) The Council shall keep and maintain a register of outgrowers.

(2) The Council shall enter in the register the particulars of outgrowers, indicating where applicable—

- (a) the full name and address of the outgrower;

- (b) the name and address of the person who owns the land;
- (c) the description of the location of the farm or field in sufficient detail to identify the farm, and where applicable location of the farm or field in a general map of the area, the title details, if any;
- (d) the name of the village, ward and district in which the field is located;
- (e) the area in hectares and the location of the whole farm or field and the part planted with sugarcane on the date of registration;
- (f) the area in hectares, the location expected to be planted with sugarcane and GPS location coordinates of the field;
- (g) the average tonnage of sugarcane supplied by the outgrower and the estimated maximum quantity the outgrower expects to supply from the area normally under sugarcane; and
- (h) any other information which may be deemed necessary for the purpose of registration.

(3) Where the outgrower owns more than one sugarcane field, each field shall, for purposes of registration, be identified separately.

22. Qualification for registration of outgrowers

(1) A person shall not be eligible for registration as an outgrower unless—

- (a) the person is already growing sugarcane at the time of application for registration or has ascertainable intentions to commence growing cane within a period of six months from the date of being registered;
- (b) the person has been selling or supplying sugarcane to a sugar mill or plant and the name of the person appears in the records of the mill or plant;
- (c) the area under sugarcane or area on which sugarcane is to be grown is not less than one hectare; and

- (d) the person provides sufficient proof to the Council that he or she is able to transport and deliver sugarcane to the mill or plant.

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1)(c), where the area for which the applicant wishes to register is less than one hectare, the Council may register the outgrower provisionally for a period not exceeding three years to allow the outgrower grow one or more hectares of sugar cane to qualify for registration.

(3) Where a person who applies for registration is a new outgrower or is a registered outgrower who wishes to expand his or her existing sugar cane growing area, the Council shall satisfy itself that—

- (a) the existing mill or plant has capacity to mill the sugar cane to be produced; and
- (b) the land where the sugar cane is to be grown has been evaluated by an agricultural expert acceptable to the Council and deemed suitable for sugar cane cultivation on a sustainable basis.

(4) An outgrower registered by the Council shall—

- (a) supply all sugarcane produced to the miller or plant indicated in the register;
- (b) maintain, at all times, the area of land specified in the certificate of registration under sugarcane; and
- (c) not to expand or reduce the area under sugarcane without giving the concerned mill or plant and the Council at least twelve months' notice of the intention to expand or reduce the area under sugarcane.

(5) A registered outgrower shall enter into a production contract with the licensed person to whom the sugar cane shall be supplied.

(6) The sugar cane grower or the association of the outgrower shall submit to the Council such reports, data, information, and at such times as the Council may, in writing require.

23. Deregistration of sugarcane outgrowers

(1) The Council may, after being satisfied that a registered outgrower has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of registration, deregister the outgrower and notify the outgrower in writing.

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), the Council may require the outgrower to rectify the defects within a specified time and where the outgrower fails to do so, the Council may deregister the outgrower.

(3) An outgrower who has been deregistered under subregulation (1) shall cease to operate as an outgrower.

(4) An outgrower aggrieved by the decision of the Council may appeal to the Minister within sixty days from the date of receipt of the deregistration notice and the Minister shall decide within sixty days after receipt of the appeal.

(5) An outgrower deregistered under subregulation (1) may apply for registration in accordance with these Regulations and on such terms and conditions as the Council may specify.

24. Appointment of agents

(1) The Council may appoint any person including an association of sugarcane growers, cooperative society or local government to act as its agent in performing any or all activities pertaining to the registration of sugarcane outgrowers on such terms and conditions as the Council may, in writing, specify.

(2) An agent appointed under subregulation (1) shall perform the registration activities specified by the Council in conformity with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations.

PART V—SUGAR CANE PRICING

25. Sugar cane pricing

(2) The price of sugar cane shall be determined in accordance with the formula set out in the Act.

(3) Subject to subregulation (3), an outgrower shall be paid

for any sugar cane supplied in accordance with the formula set out in the Act.

(4) A sugar industry agreement may provide that an outgrower may be paid a higher price than the price determined in accordance with the formula set out in the Act.

(5) For the avoidance of doubt, an outgrower shall not be paid a price lower than that determined in accordance with the formula set out in the Act.

26. Weighing and pricing of sugar cane

(1) All sugar cane deliveries shall be weighed and recorded in the presence of all parties to the transaction.

(2) The weighing of sugar cane shall be carried out at the licensed premises of the licensed person.

(3) The weight of the sugar cane weighed and recorded under subregulation (1) shall be used to calculate the price to be paid for the sugar cane.

PART VI—IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF SUGAR

27. Registration of importers and exporters of sugar

(1) A person who intends to import or export sugar or the by-product of sugar shall apply to the Council for registration in Form 7 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(2) An application made under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by the fee set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

(3) The Council, in consultation with the Minister, shall consider the application within fourteen days after receipt of the application.

(4) The Minister and Council shall, in considering an application under this regulation, take into account—

- (a) Government policy on importation and exportation of sugar and other goods;
- (b) the COMESA and the East African Community Annual Quota Export Allocation; and

(c) any other relevant matter.

(5) Where the Council approves an application under subregulation (1), the Council shall—

- (a) record the name and such other particulars as may be required of the applicant in the register; and
- (b) issue the applicant with a certificate of registration in Form 8 set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

28. Permit to importer and exporter of sugar

(1) A registered importer who intends to import or export sugar or a by-product of sugar shall apply for an import or export permit in Form 9 set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(2) An application made under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by—

- (a) the profile of the applicant;
- (b) a copy of certificate of incorporation or certificate of registration of the applicant, if the applicant is a company or registered entity;
- (c) a copy of the applicant's valid business permit at the time of making the application;
- (d) the applicant's latest audited accounts;
- (e) a copy of the applicant's TIN certificate;
- (f) a copy of the applicant's tax registration certificate;
- (g) a copy of the applicant's memorandum of association, if the applicant is a company;
- (h) a copy of the applicant's articles of association, if the applicant is a company;
- (i) a copy of the identity cards or passports of each of the applicant's directors, if the applicant is a company;

- (j) a copy of the profile of each of the applicant's directors, if the applicant is a company;
- (k) a copy of the applicant's valid tax compliance certificate;
- (l) a copy of a valid certificate of good conduct for each of the applicant's directors, if the applicant is a company;
- (m) a copy of the applicant's valid certificate of good conduct, where the applicant is an individual; and
- (n) the proof of payment of the prescribed fee set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

(3) Where the Council approves an application made under subregulation (1), the Council shall issue an import or export permit in Form 10 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(4) The import or export permit issued under subregulation (3) shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue.

(5) The import or export permit shall not be transferable.

(6) An applicant for a permit or holder of a permit who is aggrieved by a decision of the Council on or in respect of—

- (a) the grant, refusal to issue, variation or revocation; or
- (b) the conditions imposed on the grant or variation, of a permit, may appeal to the Minister.

(7) An appeal under this regulation shall be lodged within thirty days from the date on which the appellant first received notice of the decision.

29. Inspection of consignment

(1) The Council shall physically verify each consignment due for export or import before issuing a release order in respect of that consignment.

(2) A person whose consignment is being verified under subregulation (1) shall submit to the Council duly certified copies of—

- (a) the customs entry or exit documents for the consignment;
- (b) proof of payment of taxes by the exporter from whom the consignment was procured;
- (c) the invoice and proof of payment for the consignment from the exporter or importer;
- (d) the identification and contact details of the exporter or dealer from whom the consignment was procured;
- (e) the certificate of origin of the consignment;
- (f) the phytosanitary permits, certificates, permits for the consignment; and
- (g) the certificate of conformity in respect of the consignment.

30. Release order

(1) After a consignment has been verified in accordance with regulation 29, the Council may issue a release order in Form 11 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(2) The release order issued under subregulation (1) shall authorise the consignment to be released to the holder of a valid export permit or import permit, as the case may be.

31. Monthly return

Every holder of an import or export permit shall submit monthly returns to the Council of their consignments in Form 12 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

32. Repackaging of consignment

(1) A person shall not package sugar or by-products of sugar into a package of a different quantity, material or brand from the original packaging without the approval of the Council.

(2) An application for approval under subregulation (1) shall be made in Form 13 in Schedule 1 to this regulation.

(3) The packaging of an imported consignment, whether repackaged or in its original packaging, shall carry, in bold print, the name and contact details of the manufacturer, country of origin, and the vendor and purchaser, of the consignment.

33. Rebranding of consignment

(1) An importer of sugar or a by-product of sugar who wishes to rebrand a consignment shall apply for a permit from the Council before rebranding the sugar.

(2) A person who does not comply with subregulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding two currency points or both.

34. Smuggling

Sugar that is smuggled or otherwise imported into without the Uganda approval of the Council shall be deemed to be prohibited goods under section 18 (2) of the East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004.

35. Revocation of permit

The Council may revoke any permit issued to any person under these Regulations who contravenes these Regulations.

36. Register of exporters and importers

The Council shall maintain a register of all importers and exporters granted certificates of registration and permits under these Regulations.

37. Determination of amount of sugar required for domestic consumption

The Council shall determine the quantity of sugar that may be required from manufacturers for domestic consumption while accounting for any shortfall in domestic production.

PART VII—GENERAL

38. Sugar industry agreement

(1) A person licensed under these Regulations or subject to the Act may enter into an agreement, in this Regulation referred to as

a “sugar industry agreement” which shall set out the rights, duties, and obligations of the parties to the agreement.

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), the following may enter into sugar industry agreements—

- (a) sugarcane outgrowers;
- (b) sugarcane outgrowers associations;
- (c) farmers;
- (d) producers;
- (e) financiers including sugarcane buyers, processors, investors, or bankers; and
- (f) manufacturers of ethanol or other products.

(3) A sugar industry agreement shall contain the following-

- (a) the names, address and legal status of the parties;
- (b) the obligations of the parties;
- (c) the terms and conditions applicable to the parties;
- (d) the type of facilitation to be granted to the ougrower;
- (e) the duration of the agreement; and
- (f) any other relevant information.

(4) The parties to a sugar industry agreement shall submit the agreement to the Council for approval and registration within seven days of entering into the agreement.

(5) Notwithstanding subregulation (4), where any party to a sugar agreement is a financier, it shall be the responsibility of the financier to submit the agreement to the Council for approval and registration.

(6) A sugar agreement that is not registered by the Council is void.

(7) Where a dispute arises between parties to a sugar industry agreement, a party to the agreement or the parties to the agreement may submit the dispute to the Council for arbitration.

(8) A party aggrieved by any decision made by the Council under this regulation may appeal to the Minister within sixty days after receipt of the decision of the Council.

39. Appeal to High Court

A person aggrieved by any decision of the Minister made under these Regulations may appeal to the High Court.

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 5(1)

FORM 1

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO ESTABLISH OR OPERATE A SUGAR MILL*, JAGGERY MILL* OR A PLANT TO PROCESS THE BY-PRODUCTS OF SUGARCANE* (choose whichever is applicable)

I..... *(name of applicant)* hereby apply for a licence to establish or operate a sugar mill*, jaggery mill* or a plant to process the by-products of sugarcane *(choose whichever is applicable)*

A: APPLICANT DETAILS

1. Name of the applicant.....
2. Physical address..... Land reference number.....
3. Postal address.....
4. Location..... *(set out location in detail including district, sub country, parish, village etc)*
5. Tel..... Fax..... E-mail.....
6. Registration number.....
7. Trading Licence No: *(where applicable)*
8. Name(s) of ownership/shareholders.....
9. Names of directors/principal officers of the company and their profiles
Director/principal officer.....
Director/ principal officer.....
Director/principal officer.....
10. Legal status of the applicant/public company/co-operative society/partnerships/private firm/..... *(state nature of legal status of applicant)*
11. Date of establishment/incorporation, registration certificate number of applicant.....

Attach copy of memorandum and articles of association for the Company/ co-operative society/partnerships/private firm)

B. APPLICATION DETAILS

12. State location of proposed sugar mill*, jaggery mill* or a plant* *(provide as much detail as possible)*

13. Name of nearest commercial centre of proposed location
.....

14. State the types and quantities of products and by-products to be manufactured and for each product the quality must meet the minimum or maximum values as provided for under the Uganda Bureau of Standards specifications

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(if sugar is to be manufactured indicate the type of sugar to be produced (whether white, refined, semi-white, brown or jaggery)

15. state the type of technology to be employed in manufacturing the products specified in sub paragraph (13)

..... *(provide detail of technologies flow diagrams of the process, major equipment, on additional paper including drawings)*

16. Provide brief description of the manufacturing process and production plan indicating the operational parameters of the factory and qualities of the end products is herewith attached

17. Provide profile of all key personnel proposed for the mill/plant in the management and technical areas, numbers of permanent and casual employees:

(a) number of key personnel.....(attach personnel profiles);

- (b) number of the permanent employees.....
- (c) number of casual employees.....
- 18. State source and availability of sugarcane supply including:
 - (a) geographical area(s).....
 - (b) nucleus estate acreage projected yield
 - (c) area of available contracted cane in 12 months..... and projected yield.....
 - (d) area of sugarcane from independent growers.....and projected yield.
 - (e) total available area from (b), (c), (d) and (e)..... and total projected tonnage of cane per year.....;
 - (f) daily capacity of the mill in tonnes of sugarcane per day.....; and
 - (g) capacity of weighbridge(s), where available
.....
- 19. State economic and technical viability parameters of the mill/ plant including the following:
 - (a) the yield per tonne of sugarcane.....
 - (b) the rendement or TC:TS ratio for the last three years.....
 - (c) the production cost(s) per unit of production.....
 - (d) the gross profit/loss in the last three years.....
 - (e) the projected costs per production unit for the next twelve months.....
 - (f) the gross profit loss in the last three years.....
- 20. State whether applicant to provide waste management services..... (provide detail of services to be provided)

I hereby declare that—

- (a) All the statements and supporting materials are complete and true;
- (b) I have authorised the Council to make further inquiries and receive information about this application to the extent

permitted by law.

- (c) We have complied with the requirements of all applicable laws.

SIGNED BY APPLICANT

Director/Principal Officer

Name

Signature.....

Date.....

Witnessed by (Full name and address)

Signature..... Designation.....

Date.....

FORM 2

Regulation 8(2)

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL ON APPLICATION TO GRANT* OR NOT TO GRANT LICENCE*

(choose whichever is applicable)

DATE:

To the Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.
Hon. Minister,

The Council has considered the application by
(name of applicant) and determined that the applicant meets / does not
meet* *(choose whichever is applicable)* the criteria for the grant of a
licence by the Minister in accordance with the Sugar Act.

The applicant does not meet the criteria for the grant of a licence
due to the following reason: *(state the
reasons)* * *(only applicable if the applicant does not meet the criteria)*

The Council hereby recommends that the applicant is granted/not
granted *(choose whichever is applicable)* a licence in accordance with
the Sugar Act.

Signed

.....

Chairperson of the Council

FORM 3

**LICENCE TO ESTABLISH OR OPERATE A SUGAR MILL*,
JAGGERY MILL* OR A PLANT TO PROCESS THE BY-
PRODUCTS OF SUGARCANE***
(choose whichever is applicable)

Licence No.....

This licence is granted to
(name of person granted licence) to establish or operate a sugar mill*,
jaggery mill* or a plant to process the by-products of sugarcane* *(choose
whichever is applicable)*.

This licence is subject to the following conditions -

- (a) the licence shall expire on
- (b) the licence is not transferable;
- (c) the licensee shall not carry on the business under
more than one name;
- (d) the licensee shall surrender the licence where requested by the
Council.

Dated this day of20.....

.....
MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES

** Where the Minister grants an application for modification of a sugar
mill*, jaggery mill* or a plant*

Signed

.....
Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives

FORM 4

Regulation 14(3)

APPLICATION TO MODIFY SUGAR MILL*, JAGGERY MILL* OR A PLANT*

(choose whichever is applicable)

I..... *(name of applicant)* hereby apply to modify the
licensed sugar mill*, jaggery mill* or plant
(choose whichever is applicable)

A: APPLICANT DETAILS

1. Name of the applicant.....
2. Physical address..... Land reference number.....
3. Postal address.....
4. Location..... *(set out location in detail including district, sub country, parish, village etc)*
5. Tel..... Fax.....E-mail.....
6. Licence No.

B. APPLICATION DETAILS

7. State details of licensed sugar mill*, jaggery mill* or a plant*
(provide as much detail as possible)
8. State details of proposed modifications to licensed sugar mill*, jaggery mill* or a plant*
(provide as much detail as possible)
9. State reasons for proposed modifications
(provide detail of modifications technologies flow diagrams of the process, major equipment, on additional paper including drawings)

I hereby declare that—

- (a) All the statements and supporting materials are complete and true;

- (b) I have authorised the Council to make further inquiries and receive information about this application to the extent permitted by law.
- (c) We have complied with the requirements of all applicable laws.

SIGNED BY APPLICANT

Director/Principal Officer

Name

Signature.....

Date.....

Witnessed by (*Full name and address*)

Signature..... Designation.....

Date.....

FORM 5

Regulation 20(2)

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF OUTGROWER

I.....(*name of applicant*) hereby apply to be registered as an outgrower.

A: APPLICANT DETAILS

1. Name of the applicant.....
2. Physical address.....
3. Postal address.....
4. Tel..... Fax..... E-mail.....

B. OUTGROWER DETAILS

5. Location of farm.....
6. State source and availability of sugarcane supply including:
 - (a) geographical area(s).....
 - (b) nucleus estate acreage..... projected yield.....
 - (c) area of available contracted cane in 12 months.....and projected yield..
 - (d) area of sugarcane from independent growers.....and projected yield.
 - (e) total available area from (b), (c), (d) and (e)..... and total projected tonnage of cane per year.....;
 - (f) daily capacity in tonnes of sugarcane per day.....

I hereby declare that-

- (a) All the statements and supporting materials are complete and true;
- (b) I have authorised the Council to make further inquiries and receive information about this application to the extent permitted by law.

- (c) We have complied with the requirements of all applicable laws.

SIGNED BY APPLICANT

Name

Signature.....

Date.....

FORM 6

Regulation 20(3)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF OUTGROWER

Name

Reg. No

Address

The above is duly registered under the Sugar Act as an outgrower to *(indicate the particular sugar mill*, jaggery mill* or a plant)*, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Council.

Name of sugar mill*, jaggery mill* or a plant.....

Address

.....
(Signature of Secretary, Uganda Sugar Industry Stakeholder Council)

Date

(Signature of manufacturer or his agent)

Reverse Side of Form

This Certificate of Registration entitles the registered outgrower to deliver canes to
.....*(state the name of the sugar mill*, jaggery mill* or a plant)*
under the provisions of the Sugar Act or the Regulations under the Act, provided that such canes are of the usual varieties accepted by the sugar mill*, jaggery mill* or a plant, mature, free from tops, dirt and trash, and in marketable and fit for the manufacture of sugar, as customary.

Signed

.....
Chairperson of the Council

FORM 7*Regulation 27(1)***APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS IMPORTER/
EXPORTER*** (*choose whichever is applicable*)

1. Name of applicant:
2. Categories (tick as appropriate)

a.	Exporter	brown sugar	
		white refined sugar	
		by-product of sugar	
b.	Importer	brown sugar	
		white refined sugar	
		by-product of sugar	

Registered address:

Building:

Street:

Town/City: L. R. No.:

Telephone Number:

E-mail address:

Postal Address:

Date of Incorporation (if company):

Registration No:

Full names, addresses and occupations of the directors:

Name	Address	Occupation
a.		
b.		
c.		
d.		

Branch Office(s) if any Address:

Building:

Town/City: L. R. No.:

Telephone

E-mail:

Postal Address: a. Address:

Building:

Street:

Town/City: L. R. No.:

Telephone

E-mail:

Postal Address:

Declarations

I / We certify that we have read and understood the provisions of the Sugar Act and the Regulations made under the Act.

I / We also understand that the registration certificate granted on this application may be cancelled and penalties may be imposed on each of us if any document or statement submitted by us in the course of this application is false or materially misleading.

Date

Name of Director

Signature

Name of Director

Signature

Name of Secretary

Signature

FORM 8

Regulation 27(5)(b)

Serial No..... Importers's/Exporters

License No.....

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF EXPORTER/IMPORTER

This is to certify that(*such name or persons granted certificate*) of

Physical Address

Postal Address

Email.....

Telephone:

Location (*provide other detailed location details of applicant including Plot No., District, etc*)

Is hereby issued with a certificate of registration as a Sugar Exporter/
Importer (*Delete appropriately*) beginning thisday of
.....20.....

Date:

Signed:

Valid from To.....

Signed

.....
Chairperson of the Council

Official Stamp

FORM 9*Regulation 28(1)***APPLICATION FORM FOR AN IMPORT/EXPORT PERMIT**

Name of applicant:.....

Registration number: *(attach a copy of the certificate of registration)*Categories *(tick as appropriate)*

a.	Exporter	brown sugar	
		white refined sugar	
		by-product of sugar	
b.	Importer	brown sugar	
		white refined sugar	
		by-product of sugar	

I / We enclose the following required certified documentation in support of our application:

- the profile of the applicant;
- a copy of certificate of incorporation or certificate of registration of the applicant (if the applicant is a company or registered entity);
- a copy of the applicant's valid business permit at the time of making the application;
- the applicant's latest audited accounts;
- a copy of the applicant's PIN certificate;
- a copy of the applicant's tax registration certificate;
- a copy of the applicant's memorandum of association (if the applicant is a company);
- a copy of the applicant's articles of association (if the applicant is a company);
- a copy of the identity cards or passports of each of the applicant's directors (if the applicant is a company);

- j. a copy of the profile of each of the applicant's directors (if the applicant is a company);
- k. a copy of the applicant's valid tax compliance certificate;
- l. a copy of a valid certificate of good conduct for each of the applicant's directors (if the applicant is a company);
- m. a copy of the applicant's valid certificate of good conduct (if the applicant is an individual); and
- n. proof of payment of the prescribed fee.

4. Declarations

I/We certify that we have read and understood the provisions of the Sugar Act and the regulations made thereunder.

I/We also understand that the export permit/import permit granted on this application may be cancelled and penalties may be imposed on each of us if any document or statement submitted by us in the course of this application is false or materially misleading.

Date

Name of Director Signature

Name of Director..... Signature

Name of Secretary..... Signature

FORM 10*Regulation 28(3)***IMPORT/EXPORT PERMIT**

This Permit is issued to(Insert the name of the successful applicant and their registration number)

This Permit is valid from to

In respect of—

a.	Exporter	brown sugar	
		white refined sugar	
		by-product of sugar	
b.	Importer	brown sugar	
		white refined sugar	
		by-product of sugar	

Date of issue

Official stamp.....

Kindly note:

1. The holder of this Permit shall submit their returns quarterly without fail.
2. This Permit is not transferrable.
3. The holder of this Permit shall apply for a pre-shipment permit, a pre-export permit, and a release order, in respect of each consignment.

Signed

.....
Chairperson of the Council

FORM 11*Regulation 30(1)***RELEASE ORDER**

This Release Order is issued to(Insert the name of the exporter or importer and their pre-shipment /pre-export permit number)

This Release Order is valid from to

In respect of—

a. exporter

Details of consignment to be exported	brown sugar white refined sugar by-product of sugar (1) Declarant/Clearing Agent:

Number of Containers:

Quantity in Metric Tonnes:.....

Entry Number:.....

UCR Number:.....

Country of Origin:.....

b. Importer

Details of consignment to be imported	brown sugar white refined sugar by-product of sugar(1) Declarant/Clearing Agent: .

Number of Containers:.....

Quantity in Metric Tonnes:.....

Entry Number:.....

UCR Number:.....

Country of Origin:.....

Verification Officer Details:.....
Batch Number:.....
Production Date:.....
Expiry Date:.....
Number of Containers Verified:.....
Name of Officer.....
Sign.....
Date
Stamp.....

Signed

.....
Chairperson of the Council

FORM 12

Regulation 31

RETURNS OF EXPORTER/IMPORTER

1. Name of Exporter/Importer:.....
Registration number: *(attach a copy of the certificate of registration)*
2. Details of consignments imported or exported:
Port and Country of origin:
Manifest Numbers at Gazetted entry points
Quantity
C.I.F. value:.....
3. Utilisation of imports *(Please give detailed breakdown of utilization under following categories: If space is inadequate provide attachment)*
 - Direct human consumption *(give a full list of purchasers, addresses, physical location and quantities purchased)*
.....
 - Industrial manufacturing *(specify type of products in which sugar was used and production returns for the period)*
.....
 - Raw sugar for processing *(specify quality of raw sugar processed into mill white, refined sugar, brown sugar or other by-products. Also give a full list, addresses and physical locations of all the end users of the processed goods.)*
.....
 - Transit sugar *(provide full details of the quantities imported and exported including the dates of actual export at entry and exit points. Also attach copies of re-export certificates duly signed)*
.....
 - Full name and address of purchasers or vendors, to whom consignments were sold or bought from:.....

Name and address of warehouses where consignments were inspected:.....

Consignment short shipment if (any):

Manifest Number	Invoice Nos.	Type of consignment	Net Weight (kilograms)
a.			
b.			
c.			

(If space provided is not adequate provide an attachment.)

NB: Applicant to attach certified copies of the following documents for verification.

(a) Sale contract

Letter of credit / Telegraphic Transfer Documents

Commercial invoice.....

Brokers invoice

Date.....

Name of Director.....

Signature.....

Name of Director..... Signature.....

Name of Secretary..... Signature

For official use:.....

Chairperson of Council:

Date of issue:

Official stamp.

.....

FORM 13

Regulation 32(2)

APPLICATION TO REPACKAGE SUGAR

To Sugar Industry Stakeholder Council,

1. I/We..... *(Name of persons making applications)* of.....*(Insert Contact details of applicants)* hereby apply for approval to repackage the following.....*(insert details of sugar or by products of sugar to be repackaged)*.

Copies of the following documents are attached to this application

- a. Trademark registration certificate;
- b. Sample of the brand
- c. Certificate of Incorporation or Business name.

Signed;

.....
Name of Applicant

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 5(4), 8(4), 9(2), 10(2), 14(6), 27(2) and 28(2)

FEES

No.	Item for which fee is to be charged	Fee (in Uganda Shillings)	
1.	Application to establish or operate sugar mill, jaggery mill or a plant to process the by-products of sugarcane	1. Project value not exceeding 50,000,000 2. Project value above 50,000,000 but not exceeding 100,000,000 3. Project value above 100,000,000 but not exceeding 250,000,000 4. Project value above 250,000,000 but not exceeding 500,000,000 5. Project value above 500,000,000 but not exceeding 1,000,000,000 6. Project value above 1,000,000,000 but not exceeding 5,000,000,000 7. Project value exceeding 5,000,000,000	2,500,000/- 3,750,000/- 5,750,000/- 6,750,000/- 20,500,000/- 62,500,000/- 0.5% of total project value
2	Issuance of licence	250,000	
3.	Annual maintenance fee for licence	500,000	
4.	Application to modify sugar mill, jaggery mill or a plant to process the by-products of sugarcane	0.1 percent of total value of project	

5.	Application for registration of outgrower	Nil
6.	Application for registration to import or export sugar or by-product of sugar	250,000
7.	Application for permit to import or export sugar or the by-product of sugar	250,000

MWEBESA FRANCIS,
Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives

