EXHIBIT A FINAL JUDGMENT

UNITED STATES v. NEW YORK COFFEE AND SUGAR EXCHANGE, INC.

Civil Action No.: 77 Civ. 5038

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1979-1 Trade Cases ¶62,665. U.S. District Court, S.D. New York, No. 77 Civ. 5038 (RWS), Entered May 11, 1979, (Competitive impact statement and other matters filed with settlement: 43 *Federal Register* 60342, 44 *Federal Register* 25704).

Case No. 2612, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice.

Sherman Act

Price Fixing: Information in General: Sugar Futures Market: Spot Price Quotations: Consent Decree.— A sugar futures exchange was barred by a consent decree from fixing and tampering with the prices of refined and raw cane sugar through the publication of world and domestic sugar spot price quotations. However, the exchange was not prohibited from continuing to determine and publish settlement prices in connection with the trading of sugar future contracts, including delivery notices pursuant to such future contracts; nor from determining or publishing a cash value for raw cane sugar in arbitrating futures contract default disputes or commercial contracts in the cash market. The decree ordered the exchange to amend its by-laws in accordance with the decree and to disband and eliminate its world and domestic spot quotation committees.

For plaintiff: John H. Shenefield, Asst. Atty. Gen., Ralph T. Giordano and Philip F. Cody, Attys., Dept. of Justice, Antitrust Div., New York, N. Y. **For defendant:** Edmund R. Schroeder, of Barrett Smith Schapiro Simon & Armstrong, New York, N. Y.

Final Judgment

SWEET, D. J.: The Plaintiff, United States of America, having filed its Complaint on October 17, 1977; the defendant, New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc., having appeared and filed its answer to the Complaint; and the plaintiff and the defendant, by their respective attorneys, having consented to the entry of this Final Judgment without trial or adjudication of any issue of law or fact and without this Final Judgment constituting any evidence or admission by either party with respect to any such issue;

Now Therefore, before the taking of any testimony and without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law and upon the consent of both parties, it is

Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed as follows:

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[Jurisdiction]

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and both parties hereto. The Complaint states a claim upon which relief may be granted against the defendant under <u>Section 1 of the Sherman Act</u> (15 U. S. C. §1).

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[Definitions]

As used in this Final Judgment:

- A. "The Exchange" means the defendant, New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc., and each of its subsidiaries, affiliates and committees including the New York Coffee and Sugar Clearing Association, Inc.
- B. "Spot quotation or price for raw sugar" means any figure or value which purports to reflect the actual or estimated current cash value of any amount of raw sugar anywhere in the world.

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[Applicability]

The provisions of this Final Judgment shall apply to the Exchange, its subsidiaries, affiliates, successors and assigns; to each of their respective officers, directors, managers, agents and employees; and to all other persons, including members, in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise.

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[Spot Quotations]

The Exchange is enjoined and restrained from directly or indirectly determining and publishing a spot quotation or price for raw sugar except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit A of this Final Judgment. Nothing contained herein, however, shall prohibit the Exchange from continuing to determine and publish settlement prices in connection with the trading of sugar futures contracts on the floor of the Exchange, including delivery notices pursuant to such futures contracts. Nor is the Exchange prohibited from determining or publishing a cash value for raw cane sugar in arbitrating or otherwise resolving any dispute resulting from a default in a futures contract of the Exchange or a commercial contract in the cash market.

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[Amendment of By-Laws]

- A. The Exchange is ordered and directed, within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the entry of this Final Judgment, to eliminate from its By-Laws, Rules and Regulations any provision which is inconsistent with Section IV of this Final Judgment, including such provisions contained in paragraphs (r) and (s) of Section 16 of its By-laws, Section 45 of its By-laws, and Rule 12.26 of its Sugar Trade Rules.
- B. The Exchange is ordered and directed, within thirty (30) days after the entry of this Final Judgment, to disband and eliminate its Spot Domestic Quota Sugar Quotation Committee and its Spot World Sugar Quotation Committee.

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[Notice]

- A. Within ninety (90) days after the entry of this Final Judgment, the Exchange shall mail to each of its members a complete copy of this Final Judgment.
- B. Within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the entry of this Final Judgment, the Exchange shall file with this Court and serve upon the plaintiff an affidavit as to the fact and manner of its compliance with paragraph A of this Section VI.

VII

[Inspections]

A. For the purpose of determining or securing compliance with this Final Judgment, any duly authorized representative of the Department of Justice shall, on written request of the Attorney General or the Assistant

Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, and on reasonable notice to the Exchange made to its principal office, be permitted, subject to any legally recognized privilege:

- (1) Access during the regular business hours of the Exchange to inspect and copy all books, ledgers, accounts, correspondence, memoranda and other records and documents in the possession or under the control of the Exchange, which may have counsel present, relating to any matters contained in this Final Judgment; and
- (2) Subject to the reasonable convenience of the Exchange and without restraint or interference from it, to interview managers, officers, agents or employees of the Exchange, any of whom may have counsel present, regarding any such matters.
- B. The Exchange, upon the written request of the Attorney General or the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, shall submit such reports in writing with respect to any of the matters contained in this Final Judgment, as may from time to time be requested.

No information obtained by the means provided in this Section VII shall be divulged by any representative of the Department of Justice to any person other than a duly authorized representative of the Executive Branch of the United States, except in the course of legal proceedings to which the United States is a party, or for the purpose of securing compliance with this Final Judgment, or as otherwise required by law.

If at the time information or documents are furnished by the Exchange to the plaintiff pursuant to this Section and the Exchange represents that the material, or any portion thereof, in any such information or documents is of a type described in Rule 26(c)(7) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Exchange identifies such material in writing and marks each pertinent page thereof "Subject to claim of protection under Rule 26(c)(7) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," then plaintiff shall give the Exchange ten (10) days notice prior to divulging such material in any legal proceeding (other than a grand jury proceeding) to which the Exchange is not a party.

VIII

[Retention of Jurisdiction]

Jurisdiction is retained by this Court for the purpose of enabling either of the parties to this Final Judgment to apply to this Court at any time for such further orders and directions as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction or carrying out of this Final Judgment, for the amendment or modification of any of its provisions, for the enforcement of compliance therewith, and the punishment of violations thereof.

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[Public Interest]

Entry of this Final Judgment is in the public interest.

Exhibit A

The following sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Exchange may determine and publish spot quotations or prices for raw sugar:

Definition of Applicable Trading Period

As used in this Exhibit A, the phrase "applicable trading period" shall mean the period during the Exchange's trading day extending from 12:00 noon through the close of trading for that day.

Definition of Spot Quotations or Prices

The Exchange may determine and publish either or both of two spot quotations or prices for each trading day: one for domestic raw cane sugar and one for world raw cane sugar. The domestic spot quotation or price shall reflect the estimated price per unit, C. I. F. duty paid, of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons to

arrive in the United States at a port of entry north of Cape Hatteras during a period of not less than seven days nor more than sixty days after the day in question.

The world spot quotation or price shall reflect the estimated price per unit, F. O. B. country of origin, of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons for shipment from a list of countries of origin including North Brazil and various countries in the greater Caribbean area, during a period within sixty days of the day in question. The list of countries shall be designated by the Board of Managers of the Exchange and may be changed from time to time by the Board in order to reflect prevailing market conditions.

Establishment and Use of Industry Rosters

(a) In determining the domestic and world spot quotations or prices, the Exchange shall establish two rosters of individuals knowledgeable in raw sugar trading: one roster consisting of individuals knowledgeable in domestic raw sugar trading and the other consisting of individuals knowledgeable in world raw sugar trading. The individuals on each roster shall be divided into categories representing different segments of the sugar industry and shall include nonmembers as well as members of the Exchange.

With respect to the domestic roster, there shall be five categories as follows:

- (i) individuals associated with firms engaged in the growth of sugar cane and/or the production of raw sugar in the United States, including beet sugar growers and/or processors;
- (ii) individuals associated with raw sugar merchants or operators located in the United States, including foreign trade houses having offices, directly or through subsidiaries or affiliates, in the United States;
- (iii) individuals associated with sugar refiners located in the United States;
- (iv) individuals associated with industrial users of cane sugar located in the United States; and
- (v) individuals associated with commission houses * located in the United States.

With respect to the world roster, there shall be four categories as follows:

- (i) individuals associated with raw sugar merchants or operators located in the United States, including foreign trade houses having offices, directly or through subsidiaries or affiliates, in the United States;
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- (b) The Exchange shall approach the principal firms in each of the specified categories and invite them to submit the names of candidates to be included on the rosters. The appointments to each roster shall be made by the Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Exchange with the approval of the Board. An individual may be appointed to both the domestic and world rosters. However, no more than one individual from any firm shall be appointed to any roster, provided that an alternate may be appointed to serve in the absence of another individual from the same firm.

The Exchange shall endeavor to place at least eight individuals (not including alternates) in each category of each roster and, in no event, may any category of either roster consist of less than five individuals (not including alternates).

The names of the individuals, including alternates, selected by the Exchange and the firms with which they are associated will be retained in the Exchange's records subject to the inspection, upon request, of the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice.

(c) On each trading day, an employee of the Exchange shall select by lot the names of five individuals from each roster.

For the domestic roster, such employee shall select the name of one individual from each of the five categories. For the world roster, such employee shall select the name of one individual from each of the four categories and the name of one additional individual from the entire roster at large. The same individual may not be selected, on any trading day, from both the domestic and world rosters.

(d) At some time during each trading day, after 1:00 p. m. but before the commencement of the closing calls in sugar futures, the Exchange employee shall telephone each of the individuals (or their alternates) selected by lot from the domestic and world rosters.

The Exchange employee shall ask each individual selected from the domestic roster for two figures representing his expert opinions of that day's prevailing price differential between the price per unit, C. I. F. duty paid, of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons to arrive in the United States at a port of entry north of Cape Hatteras during a period of not less than seven days nor more than sixty days after the day in question and

- (i) the price, per unit, of raw cane sugar under the domestic sugar futures contract for the nearest delivery month then trading on the Exchange for that contract, and
- (ii) the price, per unit, of raw cane sugar under the world sugar futures contract for the nearest delivery month then trading on the Exchange for that contract.

The Exchange employee shall ask each individual selected from the world roster for a figure representing his expert opinion of that day's prevailing price differential between the price per unit, F. O. B. country of origin, of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons for shipment from the aforesaid list of countries of origin including North Brazil and various countries in the greater Caribbean area, during a period within sixty days of the day in question and the price, per unit, of raw cane sugar under the world sugar futures contract for the nearest delivery month then trading on the Exchange for that contract.

- (e) No individual selected from either roster shall be informed of the identities or figures of the other individuals selected on that day; nor shall such individual be informed of the average, range or nature of the figures provided by the other individuals selected on that day. This information shall not be publicly disclosed by the Exchange except that the figures provided by such individuals shall be maintained by the Exchange for inspection, upon request, by the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice.
- (f) The nearest delivery month for the domestic and world futures contracts trading on the Exchange shall be the first one of the following delivery months that follows the day for which the spot quotation or price is being determined: March, May, July, September and (in the case of the world futures contract) October, or (in the case of the domestic futures contract) November; except that, beginning on the fifth from the last trading day for any of these delivery months, the next one of such months shall be regarded as the nearest delivery month trading on the Exchange. These delivery month designations may be changed, from time to time, by the Board of Managers of the Exchange in order to reflect prevailing market conditions.

Computation of Estimated Spot Quotation or Price

As soon as practical after the close of the futures market on the day for which the spot quotations or prices are being determined, the Exchange employee shall compute the domestic and world spot quotations or prices as follows:

(a) With respect to the domestic spot quotation or price, if more than 175 lots have traded on that day, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the domestic sugar futures contract then open for trading (as that month is defined above), the Exchange employee shall take the figures received from the individuals selected from the domestic roster as to that day's prevailing differential above or below the price of such domestic futures contract, eliminate the highest and lowest figures, compute the average of the remaining figures, and add that average to or subtract that average from the weighted average price of all of that day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in such contract. The resulting amount shall constitute the domestic spot quotation or price for that day.

If that day's volume on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the domestic sugar futures contract then open for trading does not exceed 175 lots, then the Exchange employee shall take the figures received from the individuals selected from the domestic roster as to the differential prevailing above or below the price of the world futures sugar contract, eliminate the highest and lowest figures, compute the average of the remaining figures, and add that amount to or subtract it from the weighted average price of all of that day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the world sugar futures contract then open for trading (as that month is defined above). The resulting amount shall constitute the domestic spot quotation or price for that day.

(b) With respect to the world spot quotation or price, the Exchange employee shall take the figures received from the individuals selected from the world roster as to that day's prevailing differential above or below the price of the world sugar futures contract, eliminate the highest and lowest figures, compute the average of the remaining figures, and add that average to or subtract it from the weighted average price of all of that day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the world sugar futures contract then open for trading. The resulting amount shall constitute the world spot quotation or price for that day.

Publication of Spot Quotations and Prices and Other Considerations

- (a) As soon as practical after their computation, but not later than the day on which they are computed, the Exchange shall make public the domestic and world raw sugar spot quotations or prices. In doing so, the Exchange shall preface any such quotation or price with the word "Estimated" and shall identify the day to which each quotation or price applies. At the same time, the Exchange shall also make public the weighted average prices of all of that day's transactions, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery months of the domestic and world sugar futures contracts then open for trading, together with the total number of lots transacted that day, during the applicable trading period, in each such contract.
- (b) The Exchange shall instruct, in writing, each member of its domestic and world rosters not to, directly or indirectly, disclose or discuss his appointment or the figures which he submits to the Exchange employee with anyone associated with any other firm.
- (c) The Exchange shall endeavor to replace a substantial number of the individuals on the domestic and world rosters every twenty-four months, and no individual may serve continuously on either roster for more than thirty-six months.

Footnotes

- * As used herein, "Commission House" means any firm engaged in raw sugar futures trading, on a monetary commission basis, predominantly on behalf of its customers.
- ** Such employee shall not be associated with any firm active at any level of the sugar industry.
- * The day for which the domestic spot quotation or price is being determined. This 175 lot figure shall not include transactions against actuals or straddle transactions traded on point differentials.
- ** The day for which the world spot quotation or price is being determined.
- *** The day to which the spot quotations or prices in question apply.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

77 Civ. 5038 (RWS) v. :

NEW YORK COFFEE AND SUGAR EXCHANGE, INC.,

Defendant.

STIPULATION AND ORDER

It is stipulated by and between the undersigned parties, by their respective attorneys, that:

- The Final Judgment dated December 15, 1978 is hereby amended and modified, in accordance with Section VIII thereof, by deleting Exhibit A to such Judgment and incorporating, in lieu thereof, Exhibit A in the form hereto attached.
- The Final Judgment may be modified as provided herein, without further notice to either party or other proceedings.

Dated: New York, New York October 15 , 1981

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SO ORDERED:

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 refiners located in the United States;
- (iv) Individuals associated with industrial users of cane sugar located in the United States;
 and
- (v) Individuals associated with commis- $\frac{2}{}$ sion houses located in the United States.

With respect to the world roster, there shall be four categories, as follows:

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^{3/} Such employee shall not be associated with any firm active at any level of the sugar industry.

(d) At some time during a period not exceeding one hour beginning one hour before, and continuing until, the close of free trading (or before the commencement of the closing calls in sugar futures, if any), the Exchange employee shall telephone each of the individuals (or their alternates) selected by lot from the domestic and world rosters.

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- (f) The nearest delivery month for the domestic and world futures contracts trading on the Exchange

shall be the first one of the following delivery months that follows the day for which the spot quotation or price is being determined: March, May, July, September and (in the case of the world futures contract) October, or (in the case of the domestic futures contract) November except that, beginning on the fifth from the last trading day for any of these delivery months, the next one of such months shall be regarded as the nearest delivery month trading on the Exchange. These delivery month designations may be changed, from time to time, by the Board of Managers of the Exchange in order to reflect prevailing market conditions.

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Filed October 23, 1981.

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Sherman Act

Price Fixing—Sugar Futures Market—Spot Price Quotations—Modification of Consent Decree.—A consent decree barring a sugar futures exchange from fixing and tampering with the prices of refined and raw cane sugar (1979-1 Trade Cases § 62,665) was modified to replace Exhibit A of the decree. Minor technical modifications were included in the new Exhibit A and changes concerning the exchange's trading period. See § 4630.

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- (i) Individuals associated with firms engaged in the growth of sugar cane and/or the production of raw sugar in the United States, including beet sugar growers and/or processors;
- (ii) Individuals associated with raw sugar merchants or operators located in the United States, including foreign trade houses having offices, directly or through subsidiaries or affiliates, in the United States;
- (iii) Individuals associated with sugar refiners located in the United States:
 minutes or such other length of time as the Commodity Futures Trading Commission or the Exchange may prescribe from time to time.

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- (iv) Individuals associated with industrial users of cane sugar located in the United States; and
- (v) Individuals associated with commission 2 houses located in the United States.

With respect to the world roster, there shall be four categories, as follows:

- (i) Individuals associated with raw sugar merchants or operators located in the United States, including foreign trade houses having offices, directly or through subsidiaries or affiliates, in the United States;
- (ii) Individuals associated with sugar refiners located in the United States;
- (iii) Individuals associated with industrial users of cane sugar located in the United States; and
- (iv) Individuals associated with commission houses located in the United States.
- (b) The Exchange shall approach the principal firms in each of the specified categories and invite them to submit the names of candidates to be included on the rosters. The appointments to each roster shall be made by the Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Exchange with the approval of the Board. An individual may be appointed to both the domestic and world rosters. However, no more than one individual from any firm shall be appointed to any roster, provided that an alternate may be appointed to serve in the absence of another individual from the same firm.

The Exchange shall endeavor to place at least eight individuals (not including alternates) in each category of each roster and, in no event, may any category of either roster consist of less than five individuals (not including alternates).

The names of the individuals, including alternates, selected by the Exchange and the firms with which they are associated will be retained in the Exchange's records subject to the inspection, upon request, of the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice.

(c) On each trading day, an employee of the Exchange³ shall select by lot the names of five individuals from each roster.

For the domestic roster, such employee shall select the name of one individual from each of the five categories. For the world roster, such employee shall select the name of one individual from each of the four categories and the name of one additional individual from the entire roster at large. The same individual may not be selected, on any trading day, from both the domestic and world rosters.

(d) At some time during a period not exceeding one hour beginning one hour before, and continuing until, the close of free trading (or before the commencement of the closing calls in sugar futures, if any), the Exchange employee shall telephone each of the individuals (or their alternates) selected by lot from the domestic and world rosters.

The Exchange employee shall ask each individual selected from the domestic roster for two figures representing his expert opinions of that day's prevailing price differential between the price per unit, C. I. F. duty paid, of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons to arrive in the United States at a port of entry north of Cape Hatteras during a period of not less than seven days nor more than sixty days after the day in question and

- (i) The price, per unit, of raw cane sugar under the domestic sugar futures contract for the nearest delivery month then trading on the Exchange for that contract, and
- (ii) The price, pen unit, of raw cane sugar under the world sugar futures contract for the nearest delivery month then trading on the Exchange for that contract.

The Exchange employee shall ask each individual selected from the world roster for a figure representing his expert opinion of that day's prevailing price differential between the price per unit, F. O. B. country of origin, of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons for shipment from the aforesaid list of countries of origin including North Brazil and various countries in the greater Caribbean area, during a period within sixty days of the day in question and the price, per unit, of raw cane sugar under the world sugan futures contract for the nearest delivery month than trading on the Exchange for that contract.

- (e) No individual selected from either roster shall be informed of the identities or figures of the other individuals selected on that day; nor shall such individual be
- ¹ Such employee shall not be associated with any firm active at any level of the sugar industry;

² As used herein, "Commission House" means any firm engaged in raw sugar futures trading, on a monetary commission basis, predominately on behalf of its customers.

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informed of the average, range or nature of the figures provided by the other individuals selected on the day. This information shall not be publicly disclosed by the Exchange except that the figures provided by such individuals shall be maintained by the Exchange for inspection, upon request, by the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice.

(f) The nearest delivery month for the domestic and world futures contracts trading on the Exchange shall be the first one of the following delivery months that follows the day for which the spot quotation or price is being determined: March, May, July, September and (in the case of the world futures contract) October, or (in the case of the domestic futures contract) November except that, beginning on the fifth from the last trading day for any of these delivery months, the next one of such months shall be regarded as the nearest delivery month trading on the Exchange. These delivery month designations may be changed, from time to time, by the Board of Managers of the Exchange in order to reflect prevailing market conditions.

Computation of Estimated Spot Quotation or Price

As soon as practical after the close of the futures market on the day for which the spot quotations or prices are being determined, the Exchange employee shall compute the domestic and world spot quotations or prices as follows:

(a) With respect to the domestic spot quotation or price, if more than 175 lots have traded on that day,4 during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the domsetic sugar futures contract then open for trading (as that month is defined above), the Exchange employee shall take the figures received from the individuals selected from the domestic roster as to that day's prevailing differential above or below the price of such domestic futures contract, eliminate the highest and lowest figures, compute the average of the remaining figures, and add that average to or subtract that average from the weighted average price of all of that day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in such contract. The

*The day for which the domestic spot quotation or price is being determined. This 175-lot figure shall not include transactions against actuals or straddle transactions traded on point differentials.

resulting amount shall constitute the domestic spot quotation or price for that day.

If that day's volume on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the domestic sugar futures contract then open for trading does not exceed 175 lots, then the Exchange employee shall take the figures received from the individuals selected from the domestic roster as to the differential prevailing above or below the price of the world futures sugar contract, eliminate the highest and lowest figures, compute the average of the remaining figures, and add that amount to or subtract it from the weighted average price of all of that day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the world sugar futures contract then open for trading (as that month is defined above). The resulting amount shall constitute the domestic spot quotation or price for that

(b) With respect to the world spot quotation or price, the Exchange employee shall take the figures received from the individuals selected from the world roster as to that day's the prevailing differential, above or below the price of the world sugar futures contract, eliminate the highest and lowest figures, compute the average of the remaining figures, and add that average to or subtract it from the weighted average price of all of that day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the world sugar futures contract then open for trading. The resulting amount shall constitute the world spot quotation or price for such day,

Publication of Spot Quotations and Prices and Other Considerations

(a) As soon as practical after their computation, but not later than the day on which they are computed, the Exchange shall make public the domestic and world raw sugar spot quotations or prices. In doing so, the Exchange shall preface any such quotation or price with the word "Estimated" and shall identify the day to which each quotation or price applies. At the same time, the Exchange shall also make public the weighted average prices of all of that day's transactions, during the

⁵ The day for which the world spot quotation or price is being determined.
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applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery months of the domestic and world sugar futures contracts then open for trading, together with the total number of lots transacted that day, during the applicable trading period in each such contract.

(b) The Exchange shall instruct, in writing, each member of its domestic and world rosters not to, directly or indirectly, disclose

or discuss his appointment or the figures which he submits to the Exchange employee with anyone associated with any other firm.

(c) The Exchange shall endeavor to replace a substantial number of the individuals on the domestic and world rosters every twenty-four months, and no individual may serve continuously on either roster for more than thirty-six months.

| SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK | ₽ |
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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, | |
| Plaintiff, | |
| -v- | 77 Civ. 5038 (RWS) |
| NEW YORK COFFEE AND SUGAR EXCHANGE, INC., | |
| Defendant. | |
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STIPULATION AND ORDER

It is stipulated by and between the undersigned parties, by their respective attorneys, that:

l. The Final Judgment dated December 15, 1970 is hereby amended and modified, in accordance with Section VIII thereof, by deleting Exhibit A to such Judgment (as heretofore amended) and incorporating, in lieu thereof, Exhibit A in the form hereto attached.

2. The Final Judgment may be modified as provided herein, without further notice to either party or other proceedings.

Dated: New York, New York May 6, 1986

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SO ORDERED:

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EXHIBIT A

The following sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Exchange may determine and publish spot quotations or prices for raw sugar.

Definition of Applicable Trading Period

As mesed in this Exhibit A, the phrase "applicable trading period" shall mean the period during the Exchange's trading day commencing upon the later of (i) the opening of free trading (after the opening call, if any) and (ii) the commencement of the first bracket period following two hours prior to the end of free trading (or prior to the commencement of the closing call, if any) and in either case continuing through the close of trading for that day.

Definition of Spot Ouotations or Prices

The Exchange may determine and publish either or both of two spot quotations or prices for each trading day: one for domestic raw cane sugar and for world raw cane sugar. The domestic spot quotation or price shall reflect the estimated price per unit, C.I.F. duty paid,

[&]quot;Bracket period" means any consecutive, separately identified time period during the trading day which is no longer than thirty minutes or such other length of time as the Commodity Futures Trading Commission or the Exchange may prescribe from time to time.

of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,800 tons to arrive in the United States at a port of entry north of Cape Hatteras during a period of not less than seven days nor more than sixty days after the day in question.

The world spot quotation or price shall reflect the estimated price per unit, F.O.B. country of origin, of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons for shipment from a list of countries of origin including North Brazil and various countries in the greater Caribbean area, during a period within sixty days of the day in question. The list of countries shall be designated by the Board of Managers of the Exchange and may be changed from time to time by the Board in order to reflect prevailing market conditions.

Establishment and Use of Industry Rosters

(a) In determining the domestic and world spot quotations or prices, the Exchange shall establish two rosters of individuals knowledgeable in raw sugar trading: one roster consisting of individuals knowledgeable in domestic raw sugar trading and the other consisting of individuals knowledgeable in world raw sugar trading. The individuals on each roster shall be divided into categories representing different segments of the sugar industry and shall include non-members as well as members

of the Exchange.

With respect to the domestic roster, there shall be five categories as follows:

- (i) Individuals associated with firms engaged in the growth of sugar cane and/or the production of raw sugar in the United States, including beet sugar growers and/or processors;
- (ii) Individuals associated with raw sugar merchants or operators located in the United States, including foreign trade houses having offices, directly or through subsidiaries or affiliates, in the United States;
- (iii) Individuals associated with sugar
 refiners located in the United States;
- (iv) Individuals associated with industrial users of cane sugar located in the United States;
 and
- (v) Individuals associated with commission²/ houses located in the United States.

With respect to the world roster, there shall be four categories, as follows:

^{2/} As used herein, "commission house" means any firm engaged in raw sugar futures trading, on a monetary commission basis, predominately on behalf of its customers.

- (i) Individuals associated with raw sugar merchants or operators located in the United States, including foreign trade houses having offices, directly or through subsidiaries or affiliates, in the United States;
- (ii) Individuals associated with sugar refiners located in the United States;
- (iii) Individuals associated with or representing users of cane sugar located in nations that are net importers of freely traded sugar; and
- (iv) Individuals associated with commission houses located in the United States.
- pal firms in each of the specified categories and invite them to submit the names of candidates to be included on the rosters. The appointments to each roster shall be made by the Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Exchange with the approval of the Board. An individual may be appointed to both the domestic and world rosters. However, no more than one individual from any firm shall be appointed to any roster, provided that an alternate may be appointed to serve in the absence of another individual from the same firm.

The Exchange shall endeavor to place at least eight individuals (not including alternates) in each category of each roster and, in no event, may any category of either roster consist of less than five individuals (not including alternates).

The names of the individuals, including alternates, selected by the Exchange and the firms with which they are associated will be retained in the Exchange's records subject to the inspection, upon request, of the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice.

(c) On each trading day, an employee of the Exchange 3/ shall select by lot the names of five individuals from each roster.

For the domestic roster, such employee shall select the name of one individual from each of the five categories. For the world roster, such employee shall select the name of one individual from each of the four categories and the name of one additional individual from the entire roster at large. The same individual may not be selected, on any trading day, from both the domestic and world rosters.

^{3/} Such employee shall not be associated with any firm active at any level of the sugar industry.

(d) At some time during a period not exceeding one hour beginning one hour before, and continuing until, the close of free trading (or before the commencement of the closing calls in sugar futures, if any), the Exchange employee shall telephone each of the individuals (or their alternates) selected by lot from the domestic and world rosters.

roster category available to give a quote to the Exchange employee during the first 40 minutes of the prescribed calling period, the Exchange employee may select a name from the entire roster at large, provided that under no circumstances may more than two of the five quotes come from individuals representing any one category. On such days, the Exchange shall record the time each individual in the relevant category was called and the reason for his or her unavailability and make this part of the permanent record on spot prices.

The Exchange employee shall ask each individual selected from the domestic roster for two figures representing his expert opinion of that day's prevailing price differential between the price per unit, C.I.F. duty paid, of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons to arrive in the United States at a port of

entry north of Cape Hatteras during a period of not less than seven days nor more than sixty days after the day in question and

- (i) The price, per unit, of raw cane sugar under the domestic sugar futures contract for the the nearest delivery month then trading on the Exchange for that contract, and
- (ii) The price, per unit, of raw cane sugar under the world sugar futures contract for the nearest delivery month then trading on the Exchange for that contract.

The Exchange employee shall ask each individual selected from the world roster for a figure representing his expert opinion of that day's prevailing price differential between the price per unit, F.O.B. country of origin of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons for shipment from the aforesaid list of countries of origin including North Brazil and various countries in the greater Caribbean area, during a period within sixty days of the day in question and the price, per unit, of raw cane sugar under the world sugar futures contract for the nearest delivery month then trading on the Exchange for that contract.

- (e) No individual selected from either roster shall be informed of the identities or figures of the other individuals selected on that day; nor shall such individual be informed of the average, range or nature of the figures provided by the other individuals selected on the day. This information shall not be publicly disclosed by the Exchange except that the figures provided by such individuals shall be maintained by the Exchange for inspection, upon request, by the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice.
- mestic and world futures contracts trading on the Exchange shall be the first one of the following delivery months that follows the day for which the spot quotation or price is being determined: March, May, July, September and (in the case of the world futures contract) October, or (in the case of the domestic futures contract) November except that, beginning on the fifth from the last trading day for any of these delivery months, the next one of such months shall be regarded as the nearest delivery month trading on the Exchange. These delivery month designations may be changed, from time to time, by the Board of Managets of the Exchange in order to reflect prevailing market conditions.

Computation of Estimated Spot Quotation or Price

As soon as practical after the close of the futures market on the day for which the spot quotations or prices are being determined, the Exchange employee shall compute the domestic and world spot quotations or prices as follows:

(a) with respect to the domestic spot quotation or price, if more than 175 lots have traded on that day, 4/ during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the domestic sugar futures contract then open for trading (as that month is defined above), the Exchange employee shall take the figures received from the individuals selected from the domestic roster as to that day's prevailing differential above or below the price of such domestic futures contract, eliminate the highest and lowest figures, compute the average of the remaining figures, and add that average to or subtract that average from the weighted average price of all of that day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in such contract. The resulting amount shall constitute the domestic spot quotation or price for that day.

The day for which the domestic spot quotation or price is being determined. This 175-lot figure shall not inlude transactions against actuals or straddle transactions traded on point differentials.

If that day's volume on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the domestic sugar futures contract then open for trading does not exceed 175 lots, then the Exchange employee shall take the figures received from the individuals selected from the domestic roster as to the differential prevailing above or below the price of the world futures sugar contract, eliminate the highest and lowest figures, compute ths average of the remaining figures, and add that amount to or subtract it from the weighted average price of all of that day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the world sugar futures contract then open for trading (as that month is defined above). The resulting amount shall constitute the domestic spot quotation or price for that day.

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^{5/} The day for which the world spot quotation or price is being determined.

to or subtract it from the weighted average price of all of that day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the world sugar futures contract then open for trading. The resulting amount shall constitute the world spot quotation or price for such day.

Publication of Spot Quotations and Prices and Other Considerations

putation, but not later than the day on which they are computed, the Exchange shall make public the domestic and world raw sugar spot quotations or prices. In doing so, the Exchange shall preface any such quotation or price with the word "Estimated" and shall identify the day to which each quotation or price applies. At the same time, the Exchange shall also make public the weighted average prices of all of that day's 6/ transactions, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery months of the domestic and world sugar futures contracts then open for trading, together with the total number of lots transacted that day, during the applicable trading period in each such contract.

The day to which the spot quotations or prices in question apply.

- (b) The Exchange shall instruct, in writing, each member of its domestic and world rosters not to, directly or indirectly, disclose or discuss his appointment or the figures which he submits to the Exchange employee with anyone associated with any other firm.
- (c) The Exchange shall endeavor to replace a substantial number of the individuals on the domestic and world rosters every twenty-four months, and no individual may serve continuously on either roster for more than thirty-six months.

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) 1701U 5038 (RWS) |
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| Plaintiff, | |
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| NEW YORK COFFEE AND SUGAR EXCHANGE, INC., n/k/a COFFEE, SUGAR & COCOA EXCHANGE, INC. | DEC 3 0 1996 THOGE SWEE, CHAMBERS |
| Defendant. |) |

STIPULATION AND ORDER

parties, by their respective attorneys, that, in accordance with Section VIII of the Final Judgment dated December 15, 1978, and entered on May 11, 1979 (as heretofore amended), and notwithstanding any provision of such Final Judgment to the contrary, the Defendant may publish spot quotations or prices for world raw cane sugar in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Defendant's Standing Resolutions R-30 and R-31, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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EXHIBIT A

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

R-30. Sugar Spot Price Procedures

WHEREAS the Exchange entered into a stipulation with the United States of America, consenting to the entry of a Final Judgment in the case of United States of America v. New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc., 77 Civ. 5038, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York;

WHEREAS the Exchange has entered into a stipulation to amend said Final Judgment;

WHEREAS the Final Judgment, as amended, enjoins the Exchange from determining and publishing spot quotations or prices for raw sugar except in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

WHEREAS the Board has approved Section 302(b) of the By-Laws which will authorize the adoption of rules and/or procedures to determine and publish spot quotations or prices for raw sugar;

WHEREAS the Board previously adopted such procedures and implemented them; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that such procedures should be modified in the form hereinafter set forth, and has directed the staff to take whatever steps are necessary to modify the terms of the Final Judgment to conform to the terms of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, effective on the second Monday following the later of entry of an order by the court modifying said Final Judgment in the form hereinafter set forth and receipt of approval of the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Exchange shall determine and publish spot quotations or prices for raw sugar in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. Definitions.

As used in this Resolution:

(a) The term "applicable trading period" shall mean the period during the Exchange's trading day commencing upon the later of (i) the opening of free trading (after the opening call, if any) and (ii) the commencement of the first bracket period following two hours prior to the end of free trading (or prior to the commencement of the closing call, if any) and in either case continuing through the close of trading for that day.

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- (b) The term "commission house" shall mean a firm engaged in raw sugar futures trading, on a monetary commission basis, predominantly on behalf of its customers.
- (c) The term "bracket period" shall mean any consecutive, separately identified time period during the trading day which is no longer than thirty minutes or such other length of time as the Commodity Futures Trading Commission or the Exchange may prescribe from time to time.
- (d) The term "Spot Quotation Day" shall mean the Exchange business day for which the estimated quotations or prices provided by the selected individuals are collected and applied to the Sugar No. 11 futures price to determine the spot quotation.
- (e) The term "Spot Quotation Worksheet" shall mean the document to be completed by a selected individual to provide the estimated quotation or price for the Spot Quotation Day.

2. Definition of Spot Quotations or Prices

- (a) The Exchange shall determine and publish, each trading day, spot quotations or prices for world raw cane sugar.
- (b) The world spot quotation or price shall reflect the estimated price per unit, F.O.B. country of origin, of freely traded raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons for shipment from Australia, Fiji, Philippines and Thailand ("F.O.B. sugar"); provided however, in the event it is determined (by the procedure set forth in Section 3(j) of this Resolution) that freely traded F.O.B. sugar is not available to be quoted from such countries of origin, the spot quotation or price shall reflect the estimated price per unit, C&F (Cost and Freight) Japan, Korea and China of raw cane sugar in quantities exceeding 4,500 tons ("C&F sugar").

3. Establishment and Use of Industry Rosters

- (a) In determining the world spot quotations or prices, the Exchange shall establish a roster of individuals knowledgeable in raw sugar trading. The individuals on the roster shall be divided into categories representing different segments of the sugar industry and shall include nonmembers as well as members of the Exchange.
- (b) With respect to the world roster, there shall be five categories, as follows:
 - (i) individuals associated with raw sugar merchants or operators;
 - (ii) individuals associated with sugar refiners;

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- (iii) individuals associated with raw sugar physical brokers;
 - (iv) individuals associated with commission houses; and
- (v) individuals associated with or representing producers of cane sugar located in nations that are net exporters of freely traded sugar.
- (c) The Exchange shall approach the principal firms in each of the specified categories and invite them to submit the names of candidates to be included on the rosters. The appointments to each roster shall be made by the Chairman of the Board of the Exchange with the approval of the Board. No more than one individual from any firm shall be appointed to the roster, provided that an alternate may be appointed to serve in the absence of another individual from the same firm.
- (d) The Exchange shall endeavor to place at least eight individuals (not including alternates) in each category, and in no event may any category of either roster consist of less than five individuals (not including alternates). The names of the individuals, including alternates, selected by the Exchange and the firms with which they are associated will be retained in the Exchange's records subject to the inspection, upon request, of the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice and/or of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- (e) On each trading day, an employee of the Exchange (the "Exchange Employee"), who is appointed for this purpose by the President, and who shall not be associated with any firm active at any level of the sugar industry, shall select by lot the names of five individuals from the world roster. Such employee shall select the name of one individual from each of the five categories.
- (f) After the close of trading on the day preceding Spot Quotation Day, the Exchange Employee shall contact by telephone or facsimile transmission each of the selected individuals (or their alternates) and advise them that they have been selected to provide spot quotation information for the next Spot Quotation Day. The Exchange Employee shall send via facsimile transmission a Spot Quotation Worksheet to each of the individuals. The selected individual shall complete and return the Spot Quotation Worksheet during a period not exceeding one hour beginning two hours before the close of free trading in the Sugar No. 11 futures contract on the Spot Quotation Day.
- Quotation Worksheet by the designated time, the Exchange Employee shall endeavor to telephone the individual for a response. If that individual is unavailable, the Exchange Employee shall record the reason for the individual's unavailability, select another name from the same roster category and contact that individual by telephone. The Exchange Employee shall then send a Spot Quotation Worksheet to this individual, who shall complete and return it via facsimile transmission before the close of trading in the Sugar No. 11 futures contract.

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Alternatively, the selected individual may respond directly to the Exchange Employee by telephone (with the Exchange Employee recording the quotation).

- (h) If there are no individuals from a given roster category available to complete a Spot Quotation Worksheet by the designated time, the Exchange Employee may select a name from the entire roster at large, provided that under no circumstances may more than two of the five quotes be from individuals representing any one category. The Exchange Employee shall record the reason for the individual's unavailability. The replacement individual may report the quotation by facsimile transmission of a completed Spot Quotation Worksheet or by telephone (with the Exchange Employee recording the quotations).
- (i) To complete the Spot Quotation Worksheet each individual selected from the world roster shall provide a figure representing his expert opinion of the Spot Quotation Day's prevailing price differential between the price per unit of raw cane F.O.B. sugar during a period within sixty days of the Spot Quotation Day in question and the price, per unit, of raw cane sugar under the Sugar No. 11 futures contract for the nearest delivery month then trading on the Exchange for that contract, subject to Section 3(j) of this Resolution.
- (j) In the event that any individual on the world roster indicates that no freely traded F.O.B. sugar is available to be quoted, he will inform the Exchange Employee immediately. The Exchange Employee shall immediately poll the entire roster, and if a majority of those individuals agree that no freely traded F.O.B. sugar is available, the world spot quotation shall reflect the estimated price of C&F sugar. The Exchange Employee will then send via facsimile transmission a new Spot Quotation Worksheet which requests C&F sugar price information as indicated in Section 3(k) of this Resolution. The Exchange Employee shall collect quotations for the freight rate between Thailand and Japan as provided for in Section 3(l) of this Resolution. The world spot quotation shall continue to be based each following each day on C&F sugar prices until any individual on the roster indicates to the Exchange that F.O.B. sugar is available to be quoted, at which time the Exchange Employee will poll the entire roster. If a majority believes that a price differential for F.O.B. sugar is available, the Exchange employee will send via facsimile transmission a Spot Quotation Worksheet requesting price differentials for F.O.B. sugar.
- (k) In the event that the quotations reported are to be provided for C&F sugar, the individual shall provide a figure representing his expert opinion of the Spot Quotation Day's prevailing price differential between the price per unit of raw cane C&F sugar during a period within sixty days of the day in question and the price per unit of raw cane sugar under the Sugar 11 futures contract for the nearest delivery month then trading on the Exchange for that contract.
- (1) In the event that is determined (as per Section 3(j) of this Resolution) that quotations are to be provided for C&F sugar, the Exchange Employee will immediately poll the entire roster to solicit a figure representing the roster member's expert opinion of the freight rate between Thailand and Japan. The Exchange Employee will repeat this poll on the first Exchange Business day of each week that the quotations provided are for C&F sugar.

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- (m) No individual selected from the roster shall be informed of the identities or figures of the other individuals selected on that day; nor shall such individual be informed of the average, range or nature of the figures provided by the other individuals selected on that day. The Exchange shall not publicly disclose this information except that the figures provided by such individuals shall be maintained by the Exchange for inspection, upon request, by the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice and/or by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- (n) The nearest delivery month for the Sugar 11 futures contracts trading on the Exchange shall be the first one of the following delivery months that follows the day for which the spot quotation or price is being determined: March, May, July and October, except that, beginning on the fifth from the last trading day for any of these delivery months, the next one of such months shall be regarded as the nearest delivery month trading month trading on the Exchange. These delivery month designations may be changed, from time to time, by the Board in order to reflect prevailing market conditions.

4. Computation of Estimated Spot Quotation or Price

As soon as practical after the close of the futures market on the day for which the spot quotations or price is being determined, the Exchange Employee shall compute the world spot quotations or price as follows:

- Employee shall take the F.O.B. figures received from the individuals selected from the world roster as the prevailing differential, on Spot Quotation Day, above or below the price of the Sugar No. 11 futures contract, eliminate the highest and lowest figures, compute the average of the remaining figures, and add that average to or subtract it from the weighted average price of all of such day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the Sugar No. 11 futures contract then open for trading. The resulting amount shall constitute the world spot quotation or price for Spot Quotation Day.
- (b) In the event that the quotations reported are to be provided for C&F sugar, the Exchange Employee shall take the C&F figures received from the individuals selected from the world roster as the prevailing differential, on Spot Quotation Day, above or below the price of the Sugar No. 11 Futures contract, eliminate the highest and lowest figures, compute the average of the remaining figures, and add that average to or subtract it from the weighted average price of all such day's transactions on the Exchange, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the Sugar No. 11 contract then open for trading. From this amount, the Exchange Employee shall subtract the most recent average Thailand/Japan freight rate as calculated in section 4(c) of this Resolution. This resulting amount shall constitute the world spot quotation or price for Spot Quotation Day.
- (c) To calculate the average Thailand/Japan freight rate the Exchange employee shall take the freight rates collected as specified in section 3(1) of this Resolution, discard the highest 10% and the lowest 10% of the rates, and average the remaining freight rates to determine the average Thailand/Japan freight rate. This rate is to be used to determine the world spot quotation as specified in Section 4(b) of this Resolution.

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5. Publication of Spot Quotations and Prices and Other Considerations

- (a) As soon as practical after their computation, but not later than the day on which they are computed, the Exchange shall make public the world raw sugar spot quotations or price. In doing so, the Exchange shall preface any such quotation or price with the word "Estimated" and shall identify the day to which each quotation or price applies. At the same time, the Exchange shall also make public the weighted average prices of all of the transactions on Spot Quotation Day, during the applicable trading period, in the nearest delivery month of the Sugar No. 11 futures contracts then open for trading, together with the total number of lots transacted on such day, during the applicable trading period, in each such contract.
- (b) The Exchange shall instruct, in writing, each member of its roster not to, directly or indirectly, disclose and discuss his appointment or the figures which he submits to the Exchange Employee with anyone associated with any other firm.
- (c) The Exchange shall endeavor to replace a substantial number of the individuals on the roster every twenty-four months, and no individual may serve continuously on the roster for more than thirty-six months; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Exchange be and they hereby are authorized to take such steps as they deem to be necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing Resolution.

R-31. Exchange Records Required Pursuant to Sugar Spot Price Procedures

WHEREAS, the Exchange has adopted By-Laws, rules and resolutions for the publication of world spot prices for sugar; and

WHEREAS, said By-Laws, rules and resolutions are subject to court approval under a proposed consent judgment and to approval by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to assure that adequate records are maintained with respect to the publication of such prices, and wishes to make explicit the specifications for the sugars that are the basis for the spot price quotations;

RESOLVED, that, with respect to publication of spot prices for sugar, the President is directed to maintain records that indicate:

- 1. The random selection procedures used in determining the panel members for spot prices;
- 2. The name of panel members (including alternates) selected each day, and

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3. The differentials quoted each day by each of the panel members actually polled;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that the quality specifications for the sugars that are the basis for the world spot prices will be the same as the quality specifications from time to time in effect for sugars deliverable under the Sugar No. 11 contracts.