REGULATION/GM/No. 323, OF 29 NOVEMBER 1978

THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Environment, by virtue of the powers conferred upon him by Decree No. 73.030, of 30 October 1973, Decree-Law No. 1.413, of 14 August 1975 and Decree No. 76.389, of 3 October 1975;

CONSIDERING the harmful effects of distillery residue, also known as slop, cachaça or "distillery lees" on the quality of interior waters;

CONSIDERING that slop, as a pollutant, appreciably damages the water supply to cities and economic activities, makes major changes in the ecological balance of interior waters and causes serious damage to fish resources;

CONSIDERING, moreover, that the effects of this water pollution have been aggravated as a result of the increased production of alcohol distilleries, thereby calling for the adopting of measures to protect the ecological balance and the environment;

RESOLVES TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:

I - Starting with the 1979/1980 harvest, dumping, directly or indirectly, of distillery slop into any catch basin by alcohol distilleries located or that may come to be located in Brazil, is prohibited;

II - Companies owning distilleries shall submit plans within a maximum of 3 months from the date of this Regulation, for the installation of an adequate system for the treatment and/or utilization of slop with a view to controlling water pollution;

III - Sugar plants that dump their so-called waste waters into catch basins shall also comply with the deadlines set forth in the preceding paragraph for the effective control of the pollution caused by these effluents;

IV - The plans specified in the foregoing paragraphs shall be submitted in two copies for examination and approval by the state environmental agencies or entities, which shall forward one copy to the Environmental Secretariat - SEMA of the Interior Ministry. Once the plans have been approved, the above-cited agencies or entities shall be responsible for supervising their implementation;

V - The state environmental agencies or entities shall send SEMA a copy of the respective opinion and/or action approving the project, for purposes of its intervention, if it is deemed necessary;

VI - In the event the deadlines established in this Regulation are not met, or if the plans are not satisfactory, the agencies or entities shall inform SEMA of this fact, and SEMA in turn shall formally advise the National Alcohol Commission, the Institute of Sugar and Alcohol - IAA, as well as governmental financing agencies, for the purposes specified in Decree No. 76.389, of 3 October 1975, regulating Decree-Law No. 1.413, of 14 August 1975.

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