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PPA OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 03 - 2011

TO

**Port District Managers** 

**Port Managers** 

**Cargo Handling Operators** 

**Ship Owners** 

Shippers/Consignees
Others Concerned

SUBJECT:

Clarification on the Treatment and Imposition of Applicable Fees on Self-Driven Heavy Equipment Transported in RO-RO or Non-RO-RO Vessels

To avert any disagreement and to resolve conflict on the proper treatment and imposition of applicable fees on self-driven heavy equipment transported in RO-RO or non-RO-RO vessels, the following clarifications are hereby issued:

- The Roll-On/Roll-Off Transport System (RRTS) was promulgated to provide safe and efficient transportation modes to bridge islands, as well as reduce cost of inter-island transportation, enhance tourism and trade, and facilitate the food supply chain.
- It is considered the most affordable and efficient means of moving people and products (underscoring supplied).
- The vehicle types below described under PPA Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 17-2003 with rates as amended by PPA Operations MC No. 10-2008 refer to "self-driven" or "self-propelled" or "pure Ro-RO" vehicles laden with people or products:

Vehicle Type	Description	Terminal Fee (Php) (VAT Inclusive)
1	Motorcycle, Tricycle, Scooter	65.00
2	Car, Minivan, SUV, AUV, Owner, Jeep, PUJ not more than 16 pax	129.00
3	Light Delivery Truck, Van, Pickup Truck, PUJ more than 16 pax	258.00
. 4	Stake truck, heavy delivery truck, passenger/tourist bus, prime mover, tractor head with or without trailer/chassis, 10- wheeler	516.00

- By definition, a "pure RO-RO" vehicles or RRTS vehicles are vehicles self-driven on their own power, and <u>by their own driver</u>, into or out of the RO-RO vessel without rehandling at the pier/wharf or grounding on board the vessel. These are vehicles used to transport cargoes and/or people.
- Heavy equipment such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, backhoes and the like, although self-propelled and self-driven by its own driver, are not for use in the general transport of cargoes and/or people.

Therefore, it is hereby clarified that self-driven heavy equipment is not considered a RO-RO vehicle, hence, shall be charged the regular cargo handling rate for such commodity.

For compliance.

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