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OPERATIONS MEMO ORDER

NO. 02 - 2001

T O : PDO/PMO Managers
Private Port Owners/Operators
All Others Concerned

**S U B J E C T : LOADING AND UNLOADING OF RICE
AND SUGAR SHIPMENTS**

Alarming reports on rampant movement and/or delivery of illegal rice and sugar shipments thru private port facilities have been brought to the attention of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA).

In response to requests from government agencies concerned in anti-smuggling activities, and in the exercise by PPA of its powers and duties pursuant to Section 6 (a) (iii) of PD 857 as amended it is hereby directed that the loading and unloading of rice and sugar shipments shall be allowed in government ports only. However, rice and sugar shipments may be handled by private non-commercial ports whose lines of business involve the processing and distribution of said products, provided these are properly reported and documented.

The PMO Managers concerned shall direct ships laden with rice or sugar shipments requesting to berth at any private port to proceed to the nearest government ports for their cargo handling services. Information on these shipments shall be relayed to the concerned government agencies such as the Bureau of Customs, the National Food Authority, the Sugar Regulatory Administration and the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission. Statistics on these shipments shall be included in the Monthly Operational Report that is submitted to the AGM for Operations.

Strict prohibition on the utilization of private port facilities for illegal activities such as smuggling is clearly provided in the permit to operate a private port granted by PPA.

This shall take effect immediately.


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Cc: The General Manager