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OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 004 – 2026

**TO : All Port Managers
Terminal Operators
Others Concerned**

FROM : The AGM for Operations

SUBJECT : Berthing Allocation for Philippine Navy Vessels

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) under Presidential Decree (PD) No. 857 and existing regulations on port operations and berth allocation, and in view of the need to ensure continued support for government maritime operations while maintaining the efficiency of commercial port activities, all PMOs are hereby directed to observe the following guidelines in the allocation of berths for vessels of the Philippine Navy:

1. Allocation of Berths

PMOs shall allocate idle berths or unoccupied berths to Philippine Navy vessels, ensuring that such allocation does not disrupt scheduled commercial operations or committed berthing windows.

The accommodation of Philippine Navy vessels is recognized as a support to government maritime operations and is extended on a courtesy basis, without prejudice to the conduct of regular commercial port operations.

2. Priority of Commercial Operations

In instances where berth congestion arises and a commercial vessel with a confirmed berthing schedule requires accommodation, priority shall be accorded to such commercial vessel consistent with established PPA berth allocation policies, including confirmed berthing schedules, vessel turnaround efficiency, and cargo handling requirements.

3. Movement Protocol for Navy Vessels

Where no idle berth or unoccupied berth is available, and adjustments in berth occupancy become necessary:

- The Philippine Navy vessel shall be the last to be moved, after all practicable adjustments to other vessels have been considered; and
- Any movement shall be undertaken with due coordination to minimize operational disruption and ensure navigational safety.

4. Coordination Requirement

PMOs shall maintain close coordination with Philippine Navy representatives to facilitate orderly berthing, including advance notice of potential movements or adjustments due to port congestion.

Such coordination shall include the submission of advance ETA/ETD and proper documentation of all berth allocations and vessel movements in accordance with PPA reporting protocols.

5. Superseding Considerations

Nothing herein shall prevent PMOs from giving due consideration to emergency, humanitarian, or national security operations involving Philippine Navy vessels, which may warrant immediate accommodation subject to proper documentation and reporting to this Office. Moreover, such instances shall be properly documented and reported to the Office of the AGM for Operations within twenty-four (24) hours, stating the justification and operational impact.

All PMOs are directed to ensure strict compliance with this Order and to exercise sound operational judgment consistent with existing policies on berth management and port efficiency. Further, PMOs shall ensure that accommodation of Philippine Navy vessels does not adversely affect vessel turnaround time, yard utilization, and overall port productivity metrics.

For guidance and strict compliance.



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