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PPA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No: 006 - 2023

TO : Port Managers
Port Terminal/Port Terminal Management Operators
Private Port Operators
Cargo Handling Operators
Shipping Companies/Agents
Harbor Pilots
All Concerned

SUBJECT : **REVISED PORT PROTOCOLS DUE TO LIFTING OF THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES DUE TO COVID 19**

I. LEGAL BASES

1. Presidential Decree (PD) No. 857, as amended
2. Presidential Proclamation No. 297 dated July 21, 2023 entitled "Lifting of the State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines Due to COVID 19"
3. DOTr Department Order No. 2023-017 dated July 22, 2023 entitled "Lifting of the State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines by Virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 297"
4. DOTr Memorandum issued by the Undersecretary for Maritime dated May 5, 2023 on the subject "Deactivation of One-Stop Shop Crew Change Hubs in Port Areas"
5. PPA Board Resolution No. 3238 issued on July 25, 2023

II. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This Order prescribes the revised protocols in ports and shall apply to all arriving and departing ships and/or passengers, and port users at government and private ports under PPA's jurisdiction.

III. GUIDELINES

A. FOR SHIPS AND ITS CREW

1. All ports shall be open to all ships, subject to the entrance and clearance requirements such as the filing of Notice of Arrival (NOA) and Application for Berth/Anchorage (ABA).

2. Pilotage services shall continue to be rendered, provided that for foreign ships, no boarding shall be made prior to the submission of Free Pratique and clearance from the Department of Health – Bureau of Quarantine (DOH-BOQ) Boarding Team.
3. The minimum health standard requirements prescribed by DOH-BOQ shall be complied with at all times by the ship, its crew, the pilot, terminal operator and port service providers.
4. The discharge of ship wastes in all ports and the collection thereof by PPA-authorized port reception facility operators shall be allowed, subject to the applicable rules and regulations of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).
5. Crew change and crew shore leave shall be allowed in all ports, subject to applicable rules and regulations of the Bureau of Immigration (BI) and other concerned government agencies.

B. FOR PASSENGERS, PORT USERS, AND PORT SERVICE PROVIDERS

1. All passengers and port users, whether vaccinated or not, shall be allowed to enter the port and port facilities.
2. All passengers and port users shall no longer be required to register in the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System or any other travel registration system. The use of manual contact tracing or application such as Staysafe.ph and Traze shall no longer be necessary.
3. The wearing of masks inside the port and port facilities shall be voluntary.
4. Application for issuance of Safety Seal Certification shall be voluntary for PPA offices and all private establishments inside the port.

IV. SANCTIONS

Non-compliance with any of the provisions of this Order shall be subject to the sanctions prescribed under PD No. 857, as amended and relevant PPA issuances.

V. REPEALING CLAUSE

PPA AO No. 05-2021 is hereby repealed. All rules, regulations, guidelines and other issuances or parts thereof which are contrary or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

All orders and issuances that are effective only during the State of Public Health Emergency are hereby withdrawn, revoked or cancelled, and shall no longer be in effect.

VI EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and a copy filed with UP Law Center.



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Effectivity Date - August 15, 2023