



December 21, 2021

PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 23 -2021



TO : All Port Managers
Terminal Operators
Cargo Handling Operators
Shipping Companies
Others Concerned

SUBJECT : FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO AGENCIES
AND ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN TROPICAL STORM (T/S)
ODETTE RESPONSE, RELIEF, AND RECONSTRUCTION
OPERATIONS

1. LEGAL BASES

- 1.1. Presidential Decree No. 857, as amended
- 1.2. Republic Act No. 10121 or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010"
- 1.3. Presidential Proclamation No. 1267 dated December 21, 2021 Declaring a State of Calamity in Regions IV-B, VI, VII, VIII, X, and XIII

2. PURPOSE

This Circular prescribes the guidelines in the provision of prompt support to the government's efforts and call to provide response, relief and reconstruction to people and communities affected by TS Odette.

3. COVERAGE

This Circular shall apply to ships, vehicles, rolling cargoes and passengers passing through ports under the jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) as part of response, relief and reconstruction operations to people and communities affected by TS Odette.

4. GUIDELINES

4.1 OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- 4.1.1 All vehicles, equipment, and cargoes shall have priority in loading and unloading.
- 4.1.2 A special lane shall be provided for the processing of required documents and clearances, as applicable.
- 4.1.3 Vessels used exclusively for response, relief and reconstruction operations shall have berthing priority and waiver of entrance formalities, as applicable.

4.2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 4.2.1 The Passenger Terminal Building (PTB) Fee shall be waived.
- 4.2.2 The RO-RO Terminal Fee shall be waived.

4.3 VALIDITY PERIOD

- 4.3.1 The waiver of the PTB and RO-RO Terminal Fees shall be valid for 30 days, or until January 20, 2022.

5. COORDINATION AND REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS

All concerned Port Management Offices (PMOs) shall coordinate with relevant government entities to ensure the effective implementation of this Circular.

A record of all fees and charges waived under this Circular shall be submitted to the AGM for Operations on a weekly basis.

6. EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect immediately, subject to confirmation and approval of the PPA Board of Directors.


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