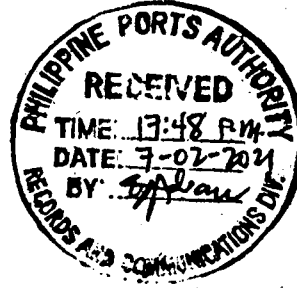




June 18, 2021

**PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 11 - 2021**



TO : All Port Managers
Department Managers
Port Terminal Operators
Cargo Handling Operators
Service Providers
Others Concerned

SUBJECT : BAN ON THE USE OF UNNECESSARY SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS

I. LEGAL BASES

1. National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) Resolution No. 1363 s. 2020 dated February 12, 2020
2. PPA Board Executive Committee directive during its 344th Meeting held on June 22, 2021
3. Presidential Decree No. 857, as amended

II. COVERAGE

This Circular shall apply to all ports and port facilities under the jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), including all offices and establishments inside the ports.

III. GUIDELINES

1. The unnecessary use of single-use plastics in all PPA ports, facilities and offices is prohibited.
2. The following materials are considered as unnecessary single-use plastics:
 - a. Plastic cups (lower than 0.2 mm in thickness)
 - b. Plastic drinking straws

- c. Plastic coffee stirrers
 - d. Plastic spoons
 - e. Plastic forks
 - f. Plastic knives
 - g. Plastic labo and thin-filmed sando bags (lower than 15 microns).
3. The guidelines that may be issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on single-use plastics shall form part of this Circular.
 4. To afford sufficient time for dissemination and preparation, the prohibition shall take effect thirty (30) after the issuance of this Order. Notices shall be issued to all concerned by the Port Managers/Department Managers within their area of responsibility.

IV. REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS

Port Managers and Department Managers shall submit a report to the General Manager, through the AGM for Port Operations, on the implementation of this Circular thirty (30) days after its issuance and every month thereafter.

V. EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect immediately.



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