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PPA Memorandum Circular Number ___006-2024

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The Port Managers

The RC Heads Concerned

All Shipping Lines/Shippers/Consignees

All Cargo Handling Operators

And All Other Port Users Concerned

SUBJECT

GUIDELINES ON DECENTRALIZED REVOLVING FUND

PAYMENT SCHEME, AS AMENDED

1. Authority

Section 6.a) (iii) Presidential Decree No. 857, as amended.

2. Rationale

As a general rule, the Authority collects its fees and charges on a "Cash and Carry Basis". The exception to the cash and carry rule is the maintenance of a REVOLVING FUND (RF) to address the following concerns of port users in the payment of fees and charges:

- 2.1. Avoid attendant risks in carrying/handling substantial amount of cash;
- 2.2. Facilitate the clearance of cargoes and vessel; and,
- 2.3. Avoid incurrence of late charges and/or penalties

3. Coverage

These guidelines shall cover the privilege granted to port users for the decentralized payment of their invoices/billings for cargo and/or vessel charges.

4. General Policies

- 4.1. The Decentralized Revolving Fund (RF) Facility is open to all port users for the payment of their invoices/billings for cargo and/or vessel charges.
- 4.2. RF Customers availing of the Decentralized RF Facility shall be required to maintain with PPA (or the servicing Port Management Office (PMO), as applicable) a minimum cash deposit equivalent to its average 15- day transaction volume.

- 4.3. The Decentralized RF shall be replenished every week or when the RF balance reaches 20% of the required minimum deposit to ensure that their transactions are adequately covered by the Decentralized RF deposit balance.
- 4.4. Decentralized RF Customer whose RF balance falls below the 20% threshold will be automatically treated as "Cash Basis" Customer wherein cargo and vessel charges shall be paid in Cash or in Manager's check for Over-the-Counter Payment". Alternatively, the cargo and vessel charges may be settled through Bank-to-Bank Transfer/Deposit and e-Payment.
- 4.5. The Decentralized Revolving Fund privileges shall be restored only when replenishment is made, and the minimum required Decentralized RF balance is met.
- 5. Registration of Decentralized RF Account
 - 5.1. A customer availing of the decentralized RF facility shall accomplish a "Customer Registration Form (CRF)" (Annex A) and shall choose or indicate Decentralized RF Facility.
 - 5.2. The RF Customer availing of the Decentralized RF facility shall be assigned a Debtor Code for <u>each</u> area of operation or Servicing PMO and shall maintain <u>separate</u> RF per servicing PMO.
 - 5.3. The duly accomplished registration form shall be submitted to the Servicing PMO.
 - 5.4. The Servicing PMO shall forward the accomplished CRF by e-mail to HO-ICTD for enrollment in the System and assignment of RF Customer's Debtor Code.
 - 5.5. The approved CRF indicating the Decentralized RF Customer's Code shall be sent by HO-ICTD to the Servicing PMO, copy furnished RF Customer.

6. Mechanics

- 6.1. Initial Deposit to the RF Account
 - 6.1.1. Upon approval of the Customer Registration (CRF), the port user with decentralized RF facility shall deposit the minimum maintaining balance of RF at any Servicing PMO for credit to its account.
 - 6.1.2. A port user with decentralized RF facility shall make a separate deposit for each and every enrolled area of operation or Servicing PMOs.
 - 6.1.3. The Operating Unit (OU) shall issue a "Non-VAT Acknowledgment Receipt", supported with Order of Payment (OOP) evidencing the initial deposit made by the RF Customer and shall be recorded as guaranty deposit under Customers' Deposits Payable-Revolving Fund.

6.2. Billing of PPA Charges

- 6.2.1. Each servicing PMO shall create, generate, and transmit the Computation Sheet to the RF Customer for the billing of PPA charges.
- 6.2.2. In case of System Downtime, Official Receipts issued by the Terminal Management Office (TMO) shall be recorded in the NCP/RF Template and emailed to the PMO Baseport for uploading in the IPORTS. After uploading the NCP transactions, Finance Personnel will raise the Request for System Update (RSU) to deduct the total amount from the Revolving Fund of the Customer.

6.3. Application/Charging of Computation Sheet Against Revolving Fund

- 6.3.1. The Computation Sheet shall be created per transaction and shall be charged/applied in real time against the Decentralized Revolving Fund of the RF Customer.
- 6.3.2. The Computation Sheet for vessel charges shall be stored in the System until it is applied against the RF while the Computation Sheet for cargo charges shall be cancelled from the System after 3 days that it has not been applied against the RF.
- 6.3.3. The new Computation Sheet for the cancelled Computation Sheet will only be issued upon advice from the RF Customer that said cargo charges will be applied against its Revolving Fund.
- 6.3.4. The RF Customer as BIR-designated withholding agent shall present the duly accomplished BIR Form 2307 to the Billing/Assessment Unit prior to the preparation of Computation Sheet.
- 6.3.5. The Billing/Assessment Unit shall furnish the Cashier with BIR Form 2307 as supporting document in the collection of PPA charges, net of EWT.
- 6.3.6. The Cashier/Collecting Officer shall issue the PPA VAT Official Receipt to acknowledge the application of the PPA charges against the RF. The amount as shown in the Computation Sheet shall be net of EWT.
- 6.3.7. The OU can view the Decentralized RF balances in the "PPA Listing of RF Transactions by Debtor" or "Listing of RF transactions by Debtor and OU-iPORTS.

6.4. Additional Deposit to Revolving Fund

6.4.1. RF Customers shall make additional deposits to their Decentralized Revolving Fund at least every week to ensure that their RF transactions are adequately covered by the RF balance.

- 6.4.2. The Operating Unit shall issue the "Non-VAT Acknowledgement Receipt" supported with Order of Payment (OOP) for every subsequent deposit made by the RF Customer.
- 6.4.3. The additional deposit to Decentralized Revolving Fund shall be recorded as Customers' Deposits- Payable Revolving Fund.
- 6.4.4. The Servicing PMO shall periodically verify the RF balances of their respective RF Customers to ensure that the prescribed minimum balance is maintained.

6.5. Withdrawal of Revolving Fund Privilege

- 6.5.1. The privilege of maintaining Revolving Fund shall be withdrawn from the RF Customer who opted for its termination.
- 6.5.2. The Unutilized Revolving Fund of Customers with the servicing PMO shall be refunded in the form of Cash.
- 6.5.3. The RF Customer shall submit documentary requirements to support its claim for the refund of its unutilized RF balance, as follows:
 - 6.5.3.1. Letter Request of the RF Customer for refund addressed to the Port Manager of the servicing OU where the RF is deposited.
 - 6.5.3.2. Certification of No Outstanding Account and Unutilized Revolving Fund issued by the PMO Finance Manager.
 - 6.5.3.3. Other supporting documents that may be required by the servicing PMO during the evaluation of the request.
- 6.5.4. The request for refund of unutilized revolving fund deposit will be processed as follows:
 - 6.5.4.1. Upon receipt of the request for refund from the RF Customer, the PMO Finance Division verifies the amount for refund based on its record and issues the Certificate of No Outstanding Obligations and Certificate of Unutilized Revolving Fund Deposit.
 - 6.5.4.2. The PMO endorses the recommendation of the Port Manager to approve the request for refund to Treasury Department.
 - 6.5.4.3. Treasury Department confirms the propriety of issuing Non-VAT Acknowledgement Receipt, verifies the remittance of revolving fund deposit to PPA Centralized Account and prepares the Approved Claim for Refund for endorsement to the Office of the AGM for Finance, Legal and Administration.

- 6.5.4.4. The AGM for Finance, Legal and Administration endorses the Approved Claim for Refund to the Office of the General Manager.
- 6.5.4.5. The General Manager signs the Approved Claim for Refund.
- 6.5.4.6. Treasury Department furnishes the PMO with the Approved Claim for Refund and issues the Notice of Cash Transfer.
- 6.5.4.7. The PMO Finance Division prepares Disbursement Voucher and issues check to the Revolving Fund Customer after application of any outstanding account.

7. Repealing Clause

This Memorandum Circular supersedes PPA Memorandum Circular No. 15-2015 and all orders, circulars, rules and regulations and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

8. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and a copy filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center.

For strict compliance.

JAY DANIEL R. SANTIAGO General Manager

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Annex A

CUSTOMER REGISTRATION FORM

(For Trade Account)





Declaration and Data Privacy Consent: The information I have given is true, correct, and complete. By submitting this form, I authorize the Philippine Ports Authority to collect, use, process and retain my personal data in accordance with the PPA's Privacy Statement and for purposes specified in this form.

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