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PPA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 004 - 2026

TO : All Port Managers
Shipping Lines/Shipping Companies
Bunkering Service Providers
Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Temporary Relaxation of Accreditation and Permit to Operate (PTO) Requirements for Bunkering Services through the Issuance of Authority to Transact (ATT) with Validity of up to Six (6) Months

I. POLICY BASIS

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) is mandated to ensure the efficient, safe, and reliable operation of ports and port-related services nationwide.

Fuel supply is a critical component of port operations, directly affecting vessel turnaround time, shipping schedules, and overall logistics efficiency. Recent developments in the Middle East, coupled with volatility in global fuel markets, have resulted in constraints in the availability and timely delivery of marine fuel to vessels calling at PPA ports.

Section 8.3 of PPA Administrative Order No. 09-2020, entitled "*Revised Guidelines on the Issuance of Permit to Operate (PTO) for the Provision of Ancillary Services*," authorizes the PPA to issue a temporary or conditional authority, in the form of an Authority to Transact (ATT), upon submission of a letter of intent and subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed, in order to address operational requirements under exceptional circumstances.

In view of the foregoing, and pursuant to PPA Board Resolution No. 3463, there is a need to adopt a responsive and flexible mechanism to ensure uninterrupted bunkering operations and prevent delays in vessel movements, without compromising regulatory oversight and safety standards.

II. OBJECTIVES

This Order aims to (a) ensure the continuous and timely delivery of fuel to vessels calling at PPA ports, (b) provide a temporary and responsive mechanism to address fuel supply constraints, and (c) maintain regulatory oversight while allowing operational flexibility under exceptional circumstances.

III. COVERAGE

This Order shall apply to all entities engaged, or intending to engage, in bunkering services within ports under the jurisdiction of the PPA.

IV. TEMPORARY RELAXATION THROUGH ISSUANCE OF ATT

The PPA hereby adopts a temporary relaxation of accreditation and PTO requirements through the issuance of an ATT, subject to the provisions of this Order.

V. ISSUANCE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT (ATT)

Entities that are not fully accredited and without a valid PTO may be authorized to conduct bunkering services on an interim basis through the issuance of an ATT, allowing multiple applications within a period not exceeding six (6) months.

VI. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for ATT shall submit the following:

- a) Letter of Intent, pursuant to Section 8.3 of PPA AO No. 09-2020; and
- b) Endorsement from the concerned shipping line or vessel operator, confirming engagement of the applicant.

VII. SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

The ATT shall (a) be valid only for bunkering services within the approved period and scope, (b) not be construed as a substitute for full accreditation or a PTO, (c) be non-transferable, and (d) be revocable at any time by the PPA, without prejudice to the imposition of applicable sanctions.

VIII. REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AND COMPLIANCE

All entities operating under an ATT shall (a) comply with all applicable PPA rules and regulations, (b) observe existing safety, environmental, and operational standards, (c) coordinate with the concerned Port Management Office (PMO) prior to each bunkering activity, and (d) submit reports and other documentation as may be required by the PPA.

IX. TEMPORARY AND EXCEPTIONAL NATURE

The issuance of ATT under this Order shall be temporary and exceptional in nature and shall be implemented only during periods of fuel supply constraints or operational exigencies. The PPA reserves the right to suspend or withdraw this mechanism upon determination that normal conditions have been restored.

X. REPEALING CLAUSE

All PPA issuances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Order are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

XI. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon filing with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), University of the Philippines Law Center.

It shall remain in full force and effect until revoked or amended by the PPA.


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