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PPA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 009 - 2025

TO : **Port Managers**
Harbor Pilots
Shipping Lines/Shipping Companies
Others Concerned

SUBJECT : **Amendment to Section 25.8 of PPA Administrative Order (AO) No. 01-2025, on the Imposition of Premium Fees for Pilotage Services**

Pursuant to PPA Board Resolution No. 3427, there is a need to amend Section 25.8 of PPA AO No. 01-2025 to ensure its uniform, consistent, and proper implementation. The amendment likewise seeks to align PPA policy with the Supreme Court ruling in *GR No. 133763 (The United Harbor Pilots' Association of the Philippines, Inc., Petitioner, vs. Association of International Shipping Lines, Inc., in its own behalf and in representation of its members and Philippine Ports Authority, Respondents, November 13, 2002)*, which upheld the validity of imposing pilotage fees for every pilotage movement rendered, and with the Supreme Court ruling in *GR No. 172029 (The Association of International Shipping Lines, Inc., in its own behalf and in representation of its members, Petitioner, vs. United Harbor Pilots' Association of the Philippines, Inc., Respondent, August 6, 2008)*, which affirmed that harbor pilots are entitled to proper compensation, including nighttime differential and overtime pay, pursuant to PPA's own administrative issuances.

Now, therefore, Section 25.8 of PPA AO No. 01-2025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 25.8 – The additional premium fee for pilotage services rendered on Sundays, holidays, or during night services shall be imposed and collected for every pilotage movement rendered to a vessel, including, but not limited to, docking, undocking, and shifting, in accordance with the applicable pilotage tariff rates duly approved by the Authority.

Further, consistent with the principles affirmed in GR No. 172029, which recognized PPA's mandate to ensure proper and lawful compensation for pilotage services, including overtime and nighttime differential pay, the PPA deems it appropriate to extend such principle to cover services rendered on holidays and Sundays, in accordance with PPA's administrative powers.

Accordingly, harbor pilots shall be entitled to proper compensation, including overtime, nighttime differential, and corresponding premium pay for services rendered on

Sundays and holidays, pursuant to the relevant pilotage tariff rates and PPA administrative issuances."

Further, PPA Memorandum Order No. 22-2013, entitled *"Rationalized Pilotage Fees for Foreign Vessels and Agreed Charges for Other Services,"* remains in effect, and the rationalized pilotage fees for foreign vessels are, as follows:

Gross Tonnage	Rationalized Rates
Up to 5,000	$ 110.00
5,001 to 10,000	$ 170.00
10,001 to 15,000	$ 218.00
15,001 to 20,000	$ 285.00
20,001 to 30,000	$ 335.00
30,001 to 40,000	$ 479.17
40,001 to 60,000	$ 555.83
60,001 to 80,000	$ 616.00
80,001 to 100,000	$ 690.67
100,001 to 120,000	$ 746.67
120,001 to 130,000	$ 802.67
130,001 to 140,000	$ 858.67
Over 140,000 GT	$ 0.05 for every excess tonnage

For coastwise vessels, the rates prescribed under EO 1088 shall apply, as follows:

Gross Tonnage	Rates
100 and under 500	₱ 41.70
500 and under 600	₱ 55.60
600 and under 1,000	₱ 69.60
1,000 and under 3,000	₱ 139.20
3,000 and under 5,000	₱ 194.80
5,000 GT and over	₱ 300.00

All orders, rules and regulations, circulars and memoranda previously issued which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and a copy filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center.

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General Manager

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