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PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 017 - 2026

TO : All Port Management Offices
Harbor Pilots/Pilots Associations
Shipping Companies/Agents
Others Concerned

SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF ANCHORAGE AREAS FOR THE PORT OF PASIG

1. LEGAL BASES

- 1.1 Section 6-a(iii), (x), 26 and 28 of Presidential Decree (PD) No. 857, as amended;
- 1.2 Section 15 of PPA Administrative (AO) Order No. 13-77; and
- 1.3 PPA Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 11-96.

2. SCOPE

This Circular shall apply to the designated anchorage areas for vessels calling at, waiting to proceed to, or carrying cargoes bound for or originating from the Port of Pasig and other ports along the Pasig River, within the area of responsibility of PMO NCR South-TMO Pasig, without prejudice to the jurisdiction and operational requirements of other government agencies and affected port authorities.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To designate and define the anchorage areas for the Port of Pasig.
- 3.2 To provide a controlled waiting and operational area for qualified vessels, barges, and lighters prior to proceeding to the Port of Pasig or other ports along the Pasig River.
- 3.3 To support safe and orderly ship-to-ship and ship-to-barge operations, where duly authorized by PPA and other concerned agencies.
- 3.4 To reduce vessel queuing, transit time, and berth congestion, and improve vessel turnaround and marine operations.
- 3.5 To strengthen monitoring, traffic management, and navigational safety within the designated anchorage areas.

4. GUIDELINES

- 4.1 The anchorage areas identified in this Circular are hereby established and designated for the Port of Pasig.
- 4.2 The designated anchorage areas shall be primarily used by vessels, barges, and lighters calling at, waiting to proceed to, or carrying cargoes bound for or originating from the Port of Pasig and other ports along the Pasig River. The use of said anchorage areas shall be subject to prior coordination with, and approval/assignment by PMO NCR South-TMO Pasig and Mega Lifters Cargo Handling Corp. (MLCHC), as applicable.
- 4.3 No vessel shall anchor in or use the designated anchorage areas for purposes other than those authorized by PPA. No vessel shall anchor, moor, or lie in the approaches to a port or principal fairway, navigation channel, or in any position that may obstruct vessel traffic, interfere with the Manila International Container Terminal (MICT) entrance channel or other existing anchorage points, or foul another vessel already anchored.
- 4.4 PMO NCR South-TMO Pasig shall coordinate with the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Manila Bay Harbor Pilots' Partnership (MBHPP), National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI), and other affected stakeholders, as may be necessary, to ensure the safe, orderly, and efficient implementation of this Circular.
- 4.5 PMO NCR South-TMO Pasig shall periodically review the designated anchorage areas in accordance with PPA MC No. 11-96 and shall ensure that the same remain free from navigational hazards. Any proposed amendment, relocation, or adjustment of the anchorage coordinates shall be undertaken only after coordination with the concerned pilot association and the local PCG Station Commander, and upon consideration of comments, clearances, and safety findings from concerned stakeholders.
- 4.6 PMO NCR South-TMO Pasig shall cause the dissemination of the approved anchorage areas to concerned port users and stakeholders, and shall coordinate with NAMRIA for the appropriate updating of the official nautical chart, as may be warranted.
- 4.7 Vessel masters, owners, operators, agents, and service providers using the designated anchorage areas shall comply with all applicable PPA, PCG, MARINA, Bureau of Customs, environmental, safety, security, and other government requirements. They shall likewise observe all instructions issued by PMO NCR South-TMO Pasig, and other competent authorities.

5. DESIGNATED ANCHORAGE GROUNDS

- 5.1 The following coordinates shall comprise the designated anchorage areas for the Port of Pasig:
 - a. Anchorage No. 2 - Latitude 14° 34' 55.39" N, Longitude 120° 54' 36.78" E
 - b. Anchorage No. 4 - Latitude 14° 35' 20.77" N, Longitude 120° 53' 40.25" E

- c. Anchorage No. 5 - Latitude 14° 35' 40.94" N, Longitude 120° 54' 02.50" E
- d. Anchorage No. 6 - Latitude 14° 35' 07.83" N, Longitude 120° 55' 05.23" E
- e. Anchorage No. 7 - Latitude 14° 35' 13.89" N, Longitude 120° 55' 35.63" E

6. DISTRIBUTION AND DISSEMINATION LIST

Copies of this Circular shall be furnished to the following:

- a. Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)
- b. Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey, National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
- c. Chief Pilot, Manila Bay Harbor Pilots' Partnership (MBHPP)
- d. President, Philippine Liner Shipping Association (PLSA)
- e. President, Philippine Interisland Shipping Association (PISA)
- f. President, Association of International Shipping Lines (AISL)
- g. General Manager, Mega Lifters Cargo Handling, Corp. (MLCHC)
- h. Mayor, City of Manila; and
- i. Other concerned offices, agencies, stakeholders, and port users

7. REPEALING CLAUSE

All PPA orders, rules and regulations, circulars, memoranda, and other issuances which are inconsistent with this Circular are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

8. EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall remain effective unless otherwise amended, revoked, or superseded by subsequent PPA issuance.


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