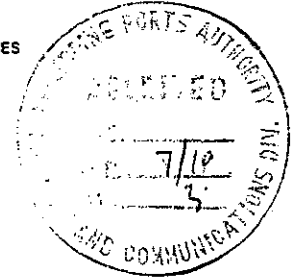




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**PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**No. 23 - 2004**

**T O : The Port District Managers**  
**The Port Managers**  
**All Cargo Handling Operators**  
**And Other Port Users Concerned**

**S U B J : Expanding the Coverage of PPA Memorandum Circular**  
**No. 17-2003: Applicable RO-RO Tariff Rates for the**  
**SRNH, to Other PPA Ports Where RO-RO Operations**  
**Are Carried Out**

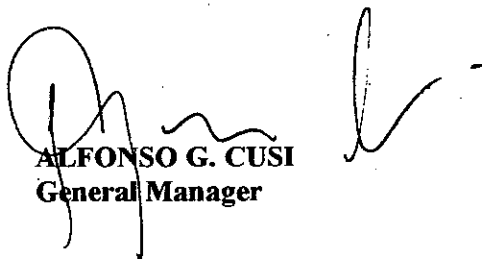
In conformity with commitments made during the Strong Republic Nautical Highway (SRNH) Conference, held last 22 October 2003 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, and in order to expand the benefits and encourage greater use of the SRNH thus serving as an effective engine for economic growth, the use of the SRNH RO-RO tariff under PPA MC No. 17-2003 (copy attached), is hereby authorized for all other PPA RO-RO ferry ports where RO-RO operations are carried out.

To avoid any confusion in the use and implementation of the SRNH RO-RO Tariff, the RO-RO operation must meet both the following requisites:

1. The RO-RO vehicle must be self-propelled; and
2. The RO-RO vehicle must be self-driven by its Owner or Driver without control over the RO-RO vehicle being surrendered to any other party.

This Memorandum Circular shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise amended or revoked by competent authority.

This Memorandum Circular shall be published once in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and shall take effect 15 days from the date of its publication.

  
**ALFONSO G. CUSI**  
**General Manager**

Encl.: As stated

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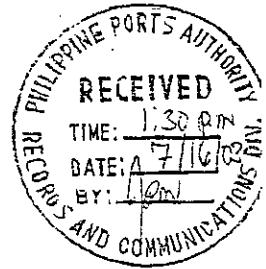
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**PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
No. 17 - 2003

**T O :** All Port District Managers  
Port Managers  
Cargo Handling Contractors  
Shipping Lines  
Cargo & Vehicle Owners  
And Others Concerned

**S U B J :** Applicable RO-RO Tariff Rates for the  
Strong Republic Nautical Highway (SRNH)

In order to support and complement the operation and realization of the PGMA's Strong Republic Nautical Highway as a means to bolster inter-island trade and promote tourism, the following RO-RO Tariff (Ceiling) Rates, to be used in the SRNH Ferry Ports, are hereby prescribed, as follows:

<u>Vehicle Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Terminal Fee</u>
Type 1	Motorcycle, Tricycle, Scooter	P 50.00
Type 2	Car, Minivan, SUV, AUV, Owner Jeep, PUJ (up to 16 pax)	100.00
Type 3	Light Delivery Van, Pick-up Truck, PUJ (more than 16 pax),	200.00
Type 4	Stake Truck, Heavy Delivery Truck, Passenger/Tourist Bus Prime Mover/Tractor Head (with or without Trailer/chassis)	400.00

The above rates shall be an inclusive charge for the use of the port facilities and services and shall be collected by the PPA on a per sea-leg journey at the port of loading or embarkation.

In ports where the present Terminal Fee assessed on vehicle owners are lower than the above ceiling rates, the lower rates may continue to be applied and collected.

No other fees or charges shall be collected at the port of discharge or debarkation.

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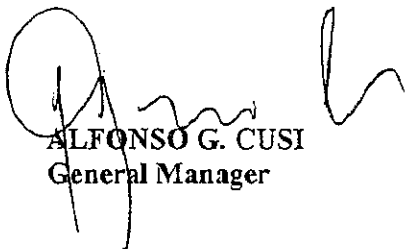
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This Memorandum Circular shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise amended or revoked by competent authority.



**ALFONSO G. CUSI**  
General Manager

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 170

**PROMOTING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION AND INVESTMENT  
IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE ROAD ROLL-  
ON/ROLL-OFF TERMINAL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the Government to reduce the cost of inter-island transportation through the establishment of an efficient and cost-effective Road Roll-on/Roll-off Terminal System (RRTS);

**WHEREAS**, the RRTS is a vital component of the Government's agri-fisheries modernization and food security programs the objectives of which are to raise the income of farmers and fisherfolk;

**WHEREAS**, the RRTS will also serve to enhance tourism, transportation and commerce throughout the country;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to encourage the participation of the private sector in the establishment, construction and operation of RRTS facilities;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Ports Authority, the Cebu Ports Authority and the Maritime Industry Authority are the proper Government agencies mandated to reduce transport costs and improve the quality and efficiency of transport from the countryside to the urban markets;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is responsible for the issuance of Environmental Compliance Certificates;

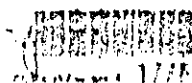
**WHEREAS**, the RRTS is a component of the Sustainable Logistics Development Program of the Development Bank of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to establish a new policy that will promote the development of the RRTS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Department of Transportation and Communications and the Development Bank of the Philippines and by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. Definition of Terms.** As used in this Executive Order:

- a. *Roll-on/Roll-off or Ro-Ro Operations* shall refer to the method of loading and discharging of self-powered vehicles, such as cars,



and trucks, on their own wheels by their owners or drivers between vessel and shore via a ramp;

- b. Ro-Ro vessel shall refer to a ship type or design duly approved for Ro-Ro operations;
- c. Road Ro-Ro Terminal System (RRTS) shall refer to the network of terminals all over the country, separated by a distance of not more than fifty (50) nautical miles and linked by Ro-Ro vessels; and
- d. Lane-meter shall refer to one (1) meter of deck with a width of 2.5 to 3.0 meters.

**SECTION 2. Integration of the RRTS with the National Highway System.** - To the extent permitted by law, the RRTS shall be considered as part of the national highways. Accordingly, vehicles that can be moved by their own power and passing through such links shall not be burdened by transport procedures and costs, unless otherwise provided by law. A Certificate of Public Convenience shall however be required for the operation of Ro-Ro vessels in accordance with law.

**SECTION 3. RRTS Toll.** - The RRTS toll shall consist of the following:

- v a. A terminal fee levied by the Ro-Ro terminal operator on vehicles and passengers for the use of the terminal;
- b. A passage fee levied by the Ro-Ro vessel operator on self-powered vehicles based on lane-meter;
- c. A passage fee levied by the Ro-Ro vessel operator on passengers; and
- v d. A berthing fee levied by the Ro-Ro terminal operator on the Ro-Ro vessel for mooring or berthing at the Ro-Ro terminal.

**SECTION 4. RRTS Documentary Requirements.** - To the extent permitted by law, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Cebu Ports Authority (CPA) and other concerned Government agencies shall ensure that the RRTS shall be covered by reduced and simplified documentary requirements. No clearance shall be required of motor vehicles using the RRTS: *Provided, however,* That the owners or operators of Ro-Ro vessels shall comply with the reporting requirements under Section 11 of the Anti-Carnapping Act of 1972 (Republic Act No. 6539).



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**SECTION 5. Private Commercial Terminals.** - The PPA and the CPA shall ensure that Ro-Ro terminals established and constructed through private investments shall be operated as private commercial terminals. The PPA and CPA shall likewise take concrete steps to privatize state-owned Ro-Ro terminals to attract investments in the RRTS.

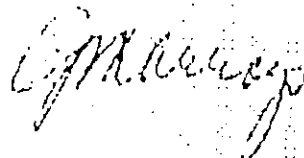
**SECTION 6. Environment and Business-Related Requirements of the RRTS.** - Where all the legal requirements have been complied with, relative to the construction and operation of RRTS facilities, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall issue Environmental Compliance Certificates within a period of forty-five (45) days therefrom, and the proper Government agency shall enter into foreshore lease agreements within a period of ninety (90) days therefrom. Local government units are strongly encouraged to issue the necessary permits for the operation of RRTS facilities within three (3) days from date of application. Likewise, the PPA, CPA and MARINA shall issue the permits necessary for the construction and/or operation of RRTS facilities within thirty (30) days from date of application.

**SECTION 7. Private Sector Financing for the RRTS.** - The Development Bank of the Philippines shall make available long-term loan/financing to eligible projects and qualified borrowers under its Sustainable Logistics Development Program.

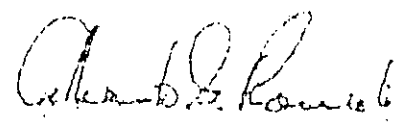
**SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Executive Order, the Department of Transportation and Communications shall formulate and, after public hearing and consultation, issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations for this Executive Order.

**SECTION 9. Effectivity.** - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

City of Manila,




By the President:



**ALBERTO G. ROMULO**  
Executive Secretary

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 170-A**

**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 170 DATED JANUARY 22, 2003 TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF THE ROAD ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF TERMINAL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Executive Order (E.O.) No. 170 dated January 22, 2003, a new policy promoting the participation of and investment by the private sector in the development of the Road Roll-on/Roll-off Terminal System (RRTS) was established:

**WHEREAS**, under E.O. No. 170, the RRTS is defined as the network of terminals all over the country, separated by a distance of not more than fifty (50) nautical miles and linked by Roll-on/Roll-off (Ro-Ro) vessels.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to expand the coverage of the RRTS to include long-haul Ro-Ro vessels so as to further support the agri-fisheries modernization and food security programs of the Government and to reduce the cost of inter-island transportation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1, subparagraph (c) of Executive Order No. 170 dated January 22, 2003 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"c. *Road Ro-Ro Terminal System (RRTS)* shall refer to the network of terminals all over the country, regardless of the distance covered and linked by Ro-Ro vessels; and"

**SECTION 2.** Section 3 of Executive Order No. 170 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new paragraph which shall read as follows:

"The RRTS toll shall be applicable to:

- a. All self-powered vehicles loaded and discharged on their own wheels by their owners or drivers between vessel and shore via a ramp; and
- b. All vessels to the extent that they are actually engaged in Ro-Ro operations."

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) are hereby directed to formulate and submit for the approval of the President an incentive program for Ro-Ro vessel and terminal operators in pioneering, missionary, developmental or underdeveloped routes or links.

**SECTION 4.** Within fifteen (15) days from the effectivity of this Executive Order, the DOTC shall, after due consultation, issue the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations for Executive Order No. 170, as amended.

**SECTION 5.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

City of Manila. JUN 09 2003

**By the President:**

**(SGD)ALBERTO G. ROMULO**  
Executive Secretary