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**PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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TO : All Private Port Owners/Operators  
Port District Managers  
Port Managers  
Others Concerned

SUBJECT : **Authorizing the Bureau of Customs to have Access to Private Ports**

In view of reports by anti-smuggling agencies about the smuggled shipments of rice, sugar and other commodities in some private ports, the President instructed the DOTC Secretary to advise PPA to authorize the Bureau of Customs to have access to private ports.

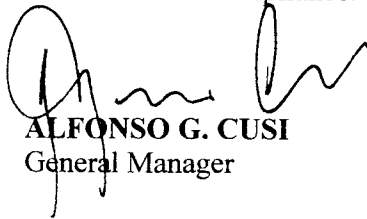
Item 5 of PPA Administrative Order No. 02-2000 provides that:

*“Authorized personnel of PPA and other concerned government agencies shall be allowed entry into the private port premises to inspect the facilities and cargoes, including examination of specific records to determine compliances with this Order and other pertinent rules, laws and regulations promulgated or to be promulgated.”*

It is therefore clarified that other concerned government agencies authorized to inspect subject private ports include the authorized personnel of the Bureau of Customs.

You are hereby enjoined to extend full support and cooperation to this endeavor.

For immediate compliance.

  
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