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PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
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SUBJECT: Clarification on the Collectibility  
of Berthing Charges and Wharfage  
Dues at Private Ports

T O : ALL PORT MANAGERS, PORT USERS  
AND OTHERS CONCERNED

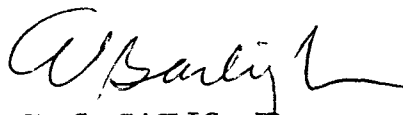
Quoted hereunder for the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned are the pertinent provisions of Executive Order No. 513, Reorganizing the Philippine Ports Authority, dated November 16, 1978 and amending, among others, Section 39 of P.D. 857, the Revised Charter of PPA promulgated on December 23, 1975:

Section 39. Bureau of Customs. - The Tariff and Customs Code is hereby modified or amended to the extent that all the powers, duties and jurisdiction of the Bureau of Customs concerning the following matters shall be transferred to and be vested in the Authority:

a) All dues, fees, and rates collectible on vessels and cargoes under Title VII but excluding Part VII of the Code, as amended by P.D. No. 34, regardless of the port or place of call of the vessels, whether on government or private port."  
(Underscoring supplied)

The authority of PPA to impose and collect port charges as above cited, on vessels (including their cargoes) calling at government and private ports is made clearer by the foregoing provision. Likewise, said amendatory clarification further strengthens the previous position of PPA on the collectibility of berthing charges and wharfage dues on such vessels berthed at private ports and cargoes handled thereat. Accordingly, said charges shall continue to be imposed in accordance with PPA Administrative Order No. 14-78 (Guidelines on the Assessment and Collection of Berthing Charges) and PPA Administrative Order No. 7-79 (Guidelines on the Assessment and Collection of Wharfage Dues).

Be guided accordingly.

  
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