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**PPA MEMORANDUM ORDER**  
**NO. 12 - 97**

**T O** All PDOs/PMOs  
Domestic Shipping Companies/Agents  
and Others Concerned

**SUBJECT** **MONTHLY NOTICE OF ARRIVAL/APPLICATION FOR**  
**BERTH/CLEARANCE OF REGULAR-RUN FAST FERRIES**

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**1** **AUTHORITY**

- 1 1 Sections 2-a and 26 of PD 857 dated 23 December 1976
- 1 2 PPA AO No 13-77 dated 07 September 1977
- 1 3 PPA AO No 04-83 dated 20 April 1983

**2** **SCOPE**

This Order shall apply to fast ferries with fixed daily or weekly arrival schedules

**3** **OBJECTIVE**

To facilitate the entrance/departure documentation procedures of regular-run fast ferries

**4** **PURPOSE**

To prescribe guidelines on the filing of the Notice of Arrival/application for Berth and the issuance of entrance/departure clearance on a monthly basis for regular-run fast ferries

**5** **DEFINITION OF A FAST FERRY**

For purposes of this Order, a fast ferry shall be understood to mean as a vessel whose minimum service speed is at least 25 knots and whose steaming time does not exceed more than four (4) hours between ports. Generally, a fast ferry is less than 500 gross registered tons and can accommodate a maximum of 450 passengers. It is usually of the

**Catamaran-type design and its hull is made of, but not limited to, aluminum and reinforced fiberglass.**

**6. GUIDELINES**

- 6.1 As a general policy of the Authority, a vessel shall only be considered for berth allocation after it has properly filed its Notice of Arrival/Application for Berth within a specified time before each arrival in the port as required in PPA AO No. 13-77.**
- 6.2 Such entrance documentation procedure, which is necessary every time a vessel calls may, instead be made for regular-run fast ferries, on a month-to-month basis by the shipping company/ship agent. The monthly application shall contain the required vessel particulars, arrival/departure schedules, time and dates, preferred berth, draft requirement and other regular information on passenger traffic that will guide the PMO in the arrival preparations for such vessels in the port.**
- 6.3 Applications of regular-run fast ferries that may be allowed under said monthly entrance documentation system shall be properly screened, evaluated and approved by the PMO. The basic considerations for the monthly approval (or disapproval) of a vessel in order to be qualified to file on a monthly basis shall be:**
- 6.3.1 The vessel's regularity of calls in the port and historical adherence to its announced/declared schedules;**
  - 6.3.2 The vessel's berth requirements/priorities and the port's berthing situation for the month, and**
  - 6.3.3 The vessel's handling/terminal requirements, the port situation and other operational factors/problems prevailing for the month.**
- 6.4 Once a regular-run fast ferry is allowed to file a monthly application, it shall be included in the Daily Berthing Order or given a Berthing Permit per its declared schedule as if it had applied for a berth on a per call basis.**
- 6.5 The validity of a Berthing Permit granted to a vessel under the monthly application system shall not exceed two (2) hours and shall follow the other provisions of PPA AO No 04-83**
- 6.6 For any changes/amendments, the shipping company/ship agent shall officially notify the PMO twenty-four (24) hours before the vessel's arrival schedule so that the PMO can properly adjust its berth allocation plans and port operational preparations.**



- 6.7 For a particular month, the PMO may decide to disapprove/terminate the monthly application of a vessel which does not strictly adhere to its schedules, thus posing difficulties to the berth management of the PMO.**
- 6.8 Although the vessel is allowed to file a monthly Notice of Arrival/Application for Berth, the PMO shall still observe the "first come-first served" policy on berth allocation, in case of berth/port congestion or conflicts in berthing priorities among arriving vessels.**
- 6.9 The PMO shall withhold granting of clearance, although the vessel is under the monthly application system, when so required by other government agencies, pursuant to regulations on the implementation of EO 493.**
- 6.10 As far as practicable, the vessel shall submit a copy of the passenger manifest and other operational/statistical reports which may be required by the PMO (and other government agencies, per EO 493 prerequisites) prior to departure in order to avoid delay in the PMO's reporting requirements.**
- 6.11 A vessel which has been allowed to file monthly applications shall be required by the PMO to make an advance deposit equivalent to its monthly port dues, subject to replenishment, every end of the month.**

**7 REPEALING CLAUSE**

**All PPA regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.**

**8. EFFECTIVITY**

**This Order shall take effect immediately.**

  
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