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PPA MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 33  
Series of 1977

TO : All Port Managers

SUBJECT : Guidelines on Maximum Loading of Piers/  
Wharves/Landings/Slip Areas

So as to avoid undue overloading and preserve the life and stability of all port structures, strict observance of the hereto attached "Guidelines for Maximum Loading of Piers/Wharves/Landings/Slip Areas" is hereby enjoined. The design loading on the decks of piers, wharves, landings and slip areas is either 200, 300 or 500 pounds per square foot as delineated by colors in the attached layout of the port area in your respective port districts.

It is also directed that this matter be disseminated and emphasized to all users of the ports and ancillary facilities.

This order takes effect immediately.

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Attachment: As stated.

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GUIDELINES FOR MAXIMUM LOADING OF PIERS/WHARVES/LANDINGS/SLIP AREAS

CARGO/COMMODITY	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LOADING		
	(Refer to layout of the port area)		
	500 lbs. per sq.ft. (colored yellow)	300 lbs. per sq.ft. (colored red)	200 lbs. per sq.ft. (colored blue)
1) ISO 40' Standard Container (Loaded) Size: 8' x 8' x 40' Gross Weight: 30.5 Metric Tons	: Stockpile two (2) : high @ 8'/high	: Stockpile one (1) : high @ 8'/high	: Not Allowed
2) ISO 20' Standard Container (Loaded) Size: 8' x 8' x 20' Gross Weight: 20.3 Metric Tons	: Stockpile one (1) : high @ 8'/high	: Stockpile one (1) : high @ 8'/high	: Not Allowed
3) Collapsible Container (Loaded) Size: 8' x 8.5' x 20' Gross Weight: 23.4 Metric Tons	: Stockpile one (1) : high @ 8.5'/high	: Not Allowed	: Not Allowed
4) Collapsible Container (Empty collapsed position) Size: 8' x 8.5' x 20' Weight: 3.3 Metric Tons	: Stockpile ten (10) : high @ 2'/high	: Stockpile six (6) : high @ 2'/high	: Stockpile four (4) : high @ 2'/high
5) ISO 40' Standard (Empty) Size: 8' x 8' x 40' Weight: 2.8 Metric Tons	: Stockpile three : (3) high @ 8'/high	: Stockpile three : (3) high @ 8'/high	: Stockpile three (3) : high @ 8'/high
6) ISO 20' Standard (Empty) Size: 8' x 8' x 20' Weight: 1.65 Metric Tons	: Stockpile three : (3) high @ 8'/high	: Stockpile three : (3) high @ 8'/high	: Stockpile three (3) : high @ 8'/high
Salt in drums (Loaded) Weight: 565 lbs. Size: 1.83'Ø x 3'	: Stockpile two (2) : high @ 3'/high	: Stockpile one (1) : high @ 3'/high	: Not Allowed

CARGO/COMMODITY	: 500 lbs. per sq.ft.:	300 lbs. per sq.ft.:	200 lbs. per sq.ft.
	: (colored yellow)	: (colored red)	: (colored blue)
8) Gasoline in drums (Loaded) Weight: 370 lbs. Size/drum: 1.83'Ø x 3'	: Stockpile three : (3) high @ 3'/high	: Stockpile two (2) : high @ 3'/high	: Stockpile one (1) : high @ 3'/high
9) Oil, Diesel, Kerosene and Petroleum in drums (Loaded) Weight: 489 lbs. Size/drum: 1.83'Ø x 3'	: Stockpile two (2) : high @ 3'/high	: Stockpile one (1) : high @ 3'/high	: Stockpile one (1) : high @ 3'/high
10) Cement/Fertilizer in bags Weight/bag: 94 lbs.	: Stockpile five (5) : ft. high	: Stockpile three : (3) ft. high	: Stockpile two (2) : ft. high
11) Agriculture products such as grains, flours, copra, sugar, rice and palay, corn, etc.	: Stockpile eight : (8) ft. high	: Stockpile four : (4) ft. high	: Stockpile three (3) : ft. high
12) Metal and Metal Products such as glass asbestos, and aluminum sheets	: Stockpile three : (3) ft. high	: Stockpile one and : three-fourth : (1-3/4) ft. high	: Stockpile one (1) : ft. high
13) Steel bars and plates including rolled steel in bundles	: Stockpile one (1) : ft. high	: Stockpile 0.60 ft. : (or 7 inches) high	: Stockpile 0.40 ft. : (or 4 inches) high
14) Corrugated and plain G.I. sheets	: Stockpile one (1) : ft. high	: Stockpile 0.60 ft. : (or 7 inches) high	: Stockpile 0.40 ft. : (or 4 inches) high
15) Copper or Lead sheets	: Stockpile 0.70 ft. : or eight (8) : inches high	: Stockpile 0.40 ft. : (or 4 inches) high	: Stockpile 0.30 ft. : (or 3 inches) high
16) Logs, lumber and other wood products, such as plywood, veneer, etc.	: Stockpile eight : (8) ft. high	: Stockpile five : (5) ft. high	: Stockpile three (3) : ft. high

CARGO/COMMODITY	:500 lbs. per sq.ft. :(colored yellow)	:300 lbs. per sq.ft. :(colored red)	: 200 lbs. per sq.ft. :(colored blue)
17) Heavy equipment and machineries in crates	: In case the computed load exceeds 500 lbs/sq.ft., the following remedial measures shall be adopted:	: Direct discharge on the deck shall not be allowed if resulting load will exceed 300 lbs/sq.ft. It may be discharged directly to trucks or trailers provided H-15 of loading will not be exceeded.	: Direct discharge on the deck shall not be allowed if resulting load will exceed 200 lbs/sq.ft. It may be discharged directly to trucks or trailers provided H-10 loading will not be exceeded.
Actual weight per crate will be determined in the field, and resulting load shall not be exceeded.	: a)Unload directly from the ship to the cargo truck or trailer. However, H-20 loading should not be exceeded.	: b)Unload directly from ship to barges or floating carriers.	
Total weight ÷ Area of base of crate			

**CAUTION:** The design loads herein specified assumes that the structure is in good condition. The Port Manager is therefore advised to exercise due caution, like reducing the loading specified herein, if to his opinion, the maximum allowed may endanger the port structure.


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