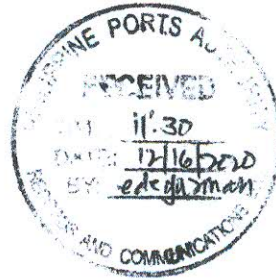


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PPA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 11 - 2020

TO : All Port Managers
Terminal Operators
Cargo Handling Operators
Shipping Lines Companies
Shippers/Consignees/Customs Brokers
Importers/Exporters
Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Guidelines in Handling Foreign Empty Containers in the
Terminals at the Manila South Harbor, Manila International
Container Terminal, and Batangas Port

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) hereby prescribes the guidelines in handling foreign empty containers in the terminals at the Manila South Harbor (SH), Manila International Container Terminal (MICT), and Batangas Port.

1. LEGAL BASES

- a) Article IV, Section 6 a), (iii) of Presidential Decree No. 857, as amended or the Revised Charter of Philippine Ports Authority.
- b) PPA Board Resolution No. 2985.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) To prescribe fees for handling foreign empty containers in the above-mentioned terminals.
- b) To provide compensation for services rendered by the terminal/cargo handling operators in handling foreign empty containers in the above-mentioned terminals.

3. COVERAGE

This Order shall cover the handling of foreign empty containers in the terminals at the Manila SH, MICT, and Batangas Port.

4. APPLICABLE TERMS

For purposes of this Order, the following terms shall be understood to mean, as indicated:

- a) **Cargo** – goods, merchandise, equipment, assets, or items loaded on board a ship to be carried to a certain port using cargo-handling equipment.
- b) **Container** – also known as ISO container that is manufactured per specifications of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and used for intermodal transport of freight. Containers are generally of either 20 or 40/45 feet in standard length, closed on all six (6) sides and are handled in the port either as laden (with load) or empty containers.
- c) **Container Handling** – includes handling of containers, either laden or empty, loaded unto or discharged from a ship; received and stored in designated cargo laydown areas, warehouses, or yards.
- d) **Empty Container** – a container that has no payload nor contents handled in a port using cargo-handling equipment.
- e) **Empty Container Handling** – refers to movement of empty containers within the terminal, except stevedoring services.
- f) **Empty Container Handling Fee** – a charge for handling empty containers within the terminal.
- g) **Stevedoring** – refers to all work performed on all cargoes (including containers) on board a vessel.
- h) **Terminal** – refers to quay, yards, warehouses, gates, other structures, equipment, and facilities for storage of cargo or containers.

5. HANDLING OF FOREIGN EMPTY CONTAINERS IN THE TERMINAL

The handling of empty containers in the terminal includes the receiving, handling, and stowing of empty containers from container yards outside the terminal or a direct return from the consignee warehouse and moving empty containers from storage areas within the terminal.

6. FEES FOR HANDLING FOREIGN EMPTY CONTAINERS IN THE TERMINAL

For purposes of the terminal services rendered in handling foreign empty containers, the PPA shall prescribe the fees thereof in a separate Administrative Order.

7. ADJUSTMENT OF FEES FOR HANDLING FOREIGN EMPTY CONTAINERS IN THE TERMINAL

Any adjustment of fees for handling empty containers in the terminal shall follow the adjustment methodology and formula of the PPA.

8. REPEALING AND SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

All issuances thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed or modified accordingly. If any part of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid by competent judicial authority, the other parts of this Order shall not be affected and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

9. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect after 15 calendar days following the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and a copy submitted to the UP Law Center.


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General Manager

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