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Subject: Rrescribing Guidelines on the Proper  
Assessment and Collection of Berthing  
Charges

T O : All Port Managers, Port Users  
And Other Concerned

For the proper implementation of Section 2901 to 2908 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended by PD 34, and in relation to Section 39(a) of PD 857, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed on the proper and uniform assessment and payment of berthing charges in all ports in the Philippines and such other places which are under their jurisdiction:

TERMS DEFINED

Section I. Definition of Terms:

1. Berthing Charge - Berthing charge is the amount assessed against a vessel for mooring ~~or~~ berthing at a pier, wharf, bulkhead-wharf, river or channel marginal wharf at any national port in the Philippines; or for mooring or making fast to a vessel so berthed; or for coming or mooring within any slip, channel, basin, river or canal under the jurisdiction of any national port of the Philippines.
2. Anchorage - Anchorage refers to any slip, channel, basin, river or canal within the jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority (Section 2901, TCCP).
3. GRT - Gross registered tons
4. Day - A day, for purposes of assessment of berthing charge, shall mean a period of twenty four (24) hours.
5. Vessels - Includes every sort of boat, craft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water (Section 3514, TCCP).

N.B. TCCP (Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines)

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT

Section II. Responsibility for the Payment of Berthing Charges:

Berthing charges shall be paid by either the owner, agent, operator or master of the vessel.

BERTHING RATES

Section III. Rates of Berthing Charges:

A. Vessels Engaged in Foreign Trade

1. Cargo Vessel Which Berths at a Pier, Wharf or Bulkhead-wharf Or Makes Fast to a Vessel so Berthed For the Purpose of Discharging And/or Loading Cargo:

a) Ports With Cargo Shed:

Rate - ₱0.10 per GRT per day or part thereof exceeding three (3) hours.

Maximum Charge - ₱1,000.00 per day

b) Ports Without Cargo Shed:

Rate - ₱0.10 per GRT per day or part thereof exceeding three (3) hours.

Maximum Charge - ₱900.00 per day

c) At the Anchorage/Harbor/Channel/Slip, Basin;

Rate - ₱0.05 per GRT per day or part thereof exceeding three (3) hours. (3rd berthing situation under Sec. 2901, TCCP)

Maximum Charge - ₱900.00 per day

2. Non-Cargo Vessel Which Berths at a Pier, Wharf or Bulkhead-wharf, River or Channel Marginal Wharf for the Purpose of Landing and/or Taking Passengers or for Taking Fresh Water or Fuel for Bunkers:

a) Berthing for eight (8) hours or less

Rate - ₱0.05 per GRT per day

Maximum Charge - ₱500.00 per day

b) Berthing for more than eight (8) hours

Rate - ₱0.10 per GRT per day

Maximum Charge - ₱500.00 per day

B. Vessels Engaged in Philippine Coastwise Trade which Berth at a Pier, Wharf, Bulkhead-wharf, River or Channel Marginal Wharf or which makes fast to a Vessel so Berthed for the Purpose of Discharging and/or Loading of Cargo or any other Purposes:

1. Port With Cargo Shed:

a) Vessels of less than 100 tons

Rate - ₱0.03 per GRT per day or part thereof

Minimum Charge

First Day - ₱10.00

Second Day - Onward - ₱5.00 per day or part thereof

b) Vessels of 100 tons up to 1,000 tons

Rate - ₱0.03 per GRT per day or part thereof

Minimum Charge (First Day) - ₱45.00

Maximum Charge (First Day) - ₱325.00

Minimum Charge (Second Day Onward) - ₱20.00 per day

Maximum Charge (Second Day Onward) - ₱200.00 per day

c) Vessels of more than 1,000 tons

Rate -

(i) For the first day or part thereof

First 1,000 tons

- ₱ 0.05 per GRT

In excess of 1,000 tons

- ₱ 0.02 per GRT per day

Minimum Charge

- ₱ 45.00

Maximum Charge

- ₱325.00

(ii) From second day onward

First 1,000 tons

- ₱ 0.025 per GRT per day

In excess of 1,000 tons

- ₱ 0.01 per GRT per day

Minimum Charge

- ₱ 20.00 per day

Maximum Charge

- ₱200.00 per day

2. Ports Without Cargo Shed:

Rate -

a) Vessels of 100 tons or more

(i) For the first day or part thereof - ₱ 0.02 per GRT

Minimum Charge

- ₱ 5.00

Maximum Charge

- ₱75.00

(ii) From second day onward

- ₱ 0.01 per GRT per day  
or part thereof

Minimum Charge

- ₱ 3.00 per day

Maximum Charge

- ₱35.00 per day

b) Vessels of less than 100 tons

Rate -

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| (i) For the first day or part thereof | - ₱0.02 per GRT  |
| Minimum Charge                        | - ₱3.00          |
| Maximum Charge                        | - ₱75.00         |
| (ii) From second day onward           | - ₱0.01 per GRT  |
|                                       | per day or       |
|                                       | part thereof     |
| Minimum Charge                        | - ₱1.00 per day  |
| Maximum Charge                        | - ₱35.00 per day |

3. At the Anchorage/Harbor/Channel/Slip, Basin;

Rate : One-half (1/2) or fifty (50%) percent of the rates prescribed under Section III, B.2.a. and b., hereof. (3rd berthing situation under Sec. 2901, TCCP)

BAY AND RIVER TRADE VESSELSC. Vessels Engaged in Bay and River Trade or Operating in the Daily Ferry Service which Berth at a Pier, Wharf, Bulkhead-wharf, Channel or River Marginal Wharf, With or Without Cargo Sheds at any National Port or which Make Fast to Vessels so Berthed:

Rate :

1. Vessels which berth more than once every twenty four (24) hours shall pay fifty (50%) percent of the berthing rates provided for vessels engaged in coastwise trade under Section III, B.1 - with cargo shed, and B.2 - without cargo shed, of this Circular.
2. Vessels which leave their berth and do not berth again within twenty four (24) hours from the time they leave their berths shall be subject to the rates prescribed in No. 1 above for the first twenty four (24) hours when they return and berth again.

BERTHING CHARGE EXEMPTIONSSection IV. Exemption in the Payment of Berthing ChargesA. Foreign Vessels:

Vessels stopped by PPA authorities from discharging cargo to avoid congestion in the piers, or for other justifiable reasons, shall be exempt from the payment of berthing charges during the period of such suspension if no loading of cargoes, either at shipside or from the piers, took place during the same period. The condition



for exemption shall be duly certified by the Port Operations Officer/  
Harbor Master as the case maybe.

B. Vessel in Philippine Coastwise Trade

- 1. Boats of five (5) tons gross or less
- 2. Pleasure or non-commercial crafts
- 3. Vessels in distress

REPEALING CLAUSE


Section V. All PPA orders, circulars, memoranda, instructions, guidelines and rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SAVING CLAUSE

Section VI. Any provision or part of this Circular declared by competent authority as invalid shall not affect its other provisions or portions to which said declaration does not relate.

EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

Section VII. This Circular shall take effect immediately.

  
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