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SUBJECT: Guidelines in the Proper Assessment
and Collection of Storage Charges
in all National Ports.

T O : ALL PORT MANAGERS
PORT OPERATIONS OFFICERS
FINANCE OFFICERS
AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

I - AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004 and 3005, all of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended by PD 34, in relation to Section 39(a) of P.D. 857, Revised Charter of PPA, promulgated on December 23, 1975, the following guidelines in the proper assessment and collection of storage charges in all national ports are hereby prescribed.

II - COVERAGE

Section 1. Scope. - Storage charges shall be assessed on import, export, domestic cargo and containers, shut-out cargoes and overlanded cargoes owned by or consigned to any individual or firm, private or government-owned or controlled, or shipping company including baggages of passengers, for storage in the port premises, cargo shed and warehouses of the government.

III - DEFINITION

Section 2. Definition of Terms and Phrases. - For purposes of this Order, the following terms and phrases shall mean or be understood to be:

- a) Storage charge - is the amount assessed on articles, baggages and containers for storage in the port premises, cargo shed and warehouses of the government.

- b) Free Storage Period - means the period allowed for any article, baggage and/or container to be stored in the port premises, cargo sheds and warehouses of the government without the payment of storage charges.
- c) Export Cargoes - are cargoes brought to a pier, wharf or bulkhead intended for transshipment to a foreign port.
- d) Import Cargoes - are cargoes brought to a pier, wharf or bulkhead by vessel coming from a foreign port.
- e) Domestic Cargoes - are cargoes brought to pier, wharf or bulkhead to and from a port within the Philippine waters.
- f) Overlanded Cargoes - are cargoes brought to a pier, wharf or bulkhead not intended or destined for said port.
- g) Transit Cargo - means an article arriving at any port from another port or place noted in the carrier's manifest and destined for transshipment to another local port or to a foreign port.
- h) Shut-out Cargoes - are cargoes brought to the port premises, cargo sheds and warehouses of the government, wharf or bulkhead for export or domestic shipment which are not loaded on the intended carrying vessel provided that such carrying vessel has actually docked.
- i) Break-bulk Cargo - means any cargo not placed on container or in loose condition.
- j) Containerized/Container cargo - means cargoes packed in containers for easy handling or transporting of same as a unit.
- k) Articles designated for examination - are consignments, or part thereof, which the Collector of Customs or his representative designated for examination, including all consignments coming from countries which Customs requires 100% examination.



- l) Container - means any structure so designed to hold and keep articles, materials and products together with inside hold, in the form of boxes, tanks, or the like, for singular or unit handling and transport, generally having any internal volume or capacity of not less than one (1) cubic meter. It is further defined according to their uses as dry cargo, refrigerated, liquid bulk, platform, open top, solid bulk, ventilated container.
- m) Shipstores - includes articles or things being used or intended for use in connection with the management or administration of the vessel, e.g., ship provisions, property and equipment of vessel.
- n) Ton - means a ton of 1,000 kilos of the American measurement ton or 1.326124 cubic meter (40 cubic feet).
- o) Cubic Decimeter - means .001 cubic meter.
- p) Cubic Centimeter - means .000001 cubic meter.

IV - LIABILITY

Section 3. Liability of Payment of Storage Charges

a) Storage Charges shall be paid by the following.

1) Break-bulk Cargo -

- a) Import - importer, consignee or broker
- b) Export - exporter or broker
- c) Domestic Inbound - consignee or representative
- * d) Domestic Outbound or Shut-out Cargo - Shipping Company or its Agent
- * e) Transit Cargo - shipping company or its agent

* Shut-out and transit cargoes (not intended for a particular port but discharged therein) are supposed to be the responsibility of the carrier/shipping company or its agent, therefore storage charges on these cargoes must be assessed and collected against the shipping company/agent.

11) Container

a) Loaded Container



- (1) Import - importer, consignee or broker
- (11) Export - exporter, or broker
- (111) Domestic inbound - consignee or representative
- (1V) Domestic Outbound or Shut-out Cargo - shipping Company
- (v) Transit Cargo Loaded in Vans/Containers - shipping company or its agent.

b) Failure to remove cargoes where the broker/consignee/owner is not at fault.

In cases where the removal/delivery/transfer of cargoes from the piers cannot be made for some reasons for which the broker/importer/consignee is not at fault whatsoever, the party concerned who caused the delay shall shoulder the storage charges accruing to such cargoes from the date the cargoes are supposed to be released up to the time of actual delivery.

V - STORAGE RATES ON IMPORT

Section 4. At the Port of Manila

a) Break-bulk Cargo

1) Articles not designated for examination

Free Storage Period - Six (6) working days after date of discharge of last package from carrying vessel.

Rate after FSP per calendar day

For the first nine (9) days - - - - - ₱0.50 per ton
 From 10th day to day of completion of the processing of the entry by the BOC processing Division as stamped on the delivery permit - - - - ₱1.00 per ton

Minimum Charge

On any single package of less than one (1) ton - - - - - ₱1.00

N.B. FSP - Free Storage Period
BOC - Bureau of Customs

Minimum Charge

On any single package of less than
one (1) ton - - - - - ₱1.00

In any consignment consisting of
two or more packages of less than
six (6) tons - - - - - ₱2.00

11) Articles designated for examination

Free Storage Period - Six (6) working days from
date of last discharge or forty-eight (48) hours
after examination exclusive of Sundays and legal
holidays.

Rate after FSP - ₱2.00 per ton per day

111) Articles already released for delivery but subsequently
held for re-examination

Free Storage Period - Forty-eight (48) hours after
release by the withholding officer.

Rate after FSP - ₱2.00 per ton per day

A duly approved Hold Order shall be presented to the
PPA Officials for exemption from the payment of storage
charges during the period of suspension of delivery by
the Bureau of Customs.

1v) Packages or articles weighing more than one (1) kilo
remaining in the parcel office of the Informal Entry
Division, Bureau of Customs

Free Storage Period - Five (5) working days after receipt.

Rate after FSP -

	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
aa) one kilo to ten kilos	₱0.10/day	₱1.00
bb) more than ten kilos	₱0.20/day	₱2.00

N. B. Working days are from Monday to Saturday exclusive of Sundays
and Holidays.



b) Import Containerized Cargoes and Containers

1) Import Loaded Container

Cargoes inside a container shall be treated like any other break-bulk shipment subject to storage charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of this Order.

11) Import Empty Container

Free Storage Period - Three (3) calendar days from date of last discharge.

Rate after FSP - ₱2.00 per ton per calendar day

Standard rate by type of container

10 footer container - ₱ 32.00 per day

20 footer container - ₱ 64.00 per day

35 footer container - ₱112.00 per day

40 footer container - ₱128.00 per day

111) Emptied Container

Free Storage Period - Six (6) calendar days after being emptied.

Rate after FSP - ₱2.00 per ton per calendar day

Standard rate - See item 11) above

Section 5. At the Ports of Entry of Cebu, Iloilo, Zamboanga, Davao, Jolo, Tabaco, Legaspi, Jose Panganiban, Aparri, Tacloban, San Fernando and Cagayan de Oro.

a) Break-bulk Cargo

1) Articles not designated for examination

Free Storage Period - Four (4) working days after date of discharge of the last package from carrying vessel.

Rate after FSP - ₱0.20 per ton per calendar day

Minimum Charge - on any single package of less than three (3) tons - - - - - ₱0.50

On any consignment consisting of two or more packages of less than six (6) tons - - - - - ₱1.00



11) Articles designated for examination

aa. Those which remained in the appraisers stores or on the piers.

Free Storage Period - Four (4) working days after date of discharge of last package

Rate after FSP - ₱0.40 per ton per day

bb. Those removed from the piers or appraisers' stores within 48 hours after examination and appraisal.

Free Storage Period - 48 hours exclusive of Sundays and Holidays after examination and appraisal.

Rate after FSP - ₱0.40 per ton per day

111) Package/articles, manifested or not, or ship stores

Free Storage Period - Five (5) working days after receipt in port premises

Rate after FSP - ₱0.20 per piece or parcel per calendar day

1v) Articles designated for examination which remained in the appraisers stores

Free Storage Period - Forty-eight (48) hours after the liquidation of the entry has been posted at the Liquidation Office of the Bureau of Customs.

Rate after FSP - ₱0.40 per ton per day

Minimum Charge - ₱2.00

b) Containerized Cargoes and Containers

1) Import loaded Container

Cargoes inside a container shall be treated like any other break-bulk shipment subject to storage charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this Order.

11) Import Empty Container

(In accordance with the provisions of Section 4(b) hereof)



Section 6. At all Ports other than the Port of Manila and those mentioned in Section 5 above - Storage rates for break-bulk cargo, containerized cargoes and containers as provided in Section 5 of this Order shall be applied.

Section 7. - Storage Rates on Import Packages, Steamer Chairs and Wooden Frames in Ports of Entry, Other than the Port of Manila and Other Ports mentioned in Section 5 above -

Free Storage Period - Forty-eight (48) hours after receipt on port premises

Rate after FSP per calendar day:

a) Package known as baggage:

Up to 60 cubic decimeters in bulk - ₱0.10 each

Minimum Charge - ₱1.00

More than 60 to 120 cubic decimeters in bulk - ₱0.20 each

Minimum Charge - ₱2.00

More than 120 cubic decimeters in bulk - ₱0.30 each

Minimum Charge - ₱3.00

b) Steamer chairs and wooden frames covered with cases, cloth or canvass, of the folding variety:

Rate after FSP - ₱0.05 each per calendar day

Minimum Charge - ₱0.50

Except: When said baggages, steamer chairs and wooden frames are held in bond for a period of more than thirty (30) days, storage charge shall accrue thereon from the time of their delivery into PPA/arrastre custody.

Section 8. - General Provisions on Storage Rates on Import Cargo Applicable to all Ports of Entry - The rates of storage charges hereunder shall be applicable to import cargo in all ports of entry, and under the conditions specified, to wit:

a) Transit cargoes manifested for any Philippine port of entry

Free Storage Period - Six (6) calendar days after date of discharge of the last package at the first port of arrival of carrying vessel, if forwarded to port of designation

Rate after FSP - ₱1.00 per ton per calendar day



b) Foreign transit cargoes destined for foreign ports but landed at any port of Entry in the Philippines

✓ Free Storage Period - Ten (10) calendar days after date of discharge of the last package from carrying vessel

Rate after FSP - ₱1.00 per ton per calendar day

c) Overlanded or misimported cargoes not destined for the Philippines but subsequently re-exported

✓ Free Storage Period - Six (6) calendar days after date of discharge of the last package from carrying vessel

Rate after FSP - ₱1.00 per ton per calendar day

d) Unmanifested cargo intended for the Philippines or of unknown destination

1) If claimed by agents for local consumption and released by Collector of Customs, same shall be treated as regular imported cargo in accordance with Sections 4 and 5 hereof, as the case may be.

11) If claimed by Ship's agent for re-exportation, it shall be treated in accordance with subsections b) or c) above, as the case may be.

e) All other unclaimed articles including overlanded cargo of unknown destination

✓ 1st Free Storage Period - Fourteen (14) calendar days after arrival of importing vessel

Rate after 1st FSP - ₱2.00 per ton per calendar day up to the time Customs Collector concerned issued authority permitting entry to be filed.

2nd Free Storage Period - Five (5) working days from date it is permitted to be entered (except when sold at public auction that required more than 5 working days FSP)

Rate after 2nd FSP - ₱2.00 per ton per calendar day with a reduction of ten (10%) percent on account of packages, if any, designated for examination.

f) Articles not removed from auction room on the day following date of completion of sale

Rate of Storage - ₱1.00 per ton per calendar day



g) Articles on which no entry has been filed within seven (7) days

Articles other than that specified in letters "a" to "f" above, for which no entry has been filed within seven (7) calendar days after official discharge of the last package from carrying vessel, or even if the entry has been filed therefor but the articles/consignment has remained at piers, warehouses or port premises for more than five (5) working days after examination and appraisal.

Free Storage Period - Six (6) working days after discharge of last package from importing vessel

Rate after FSP - ₱2.00 per ton per calendar day to date of delivery

VI - STORAGE RATES ON EXPORT

Section 9. Rates of Storage on Export Cargo and Containers in all Ports of Entry - The rates of storage charges on export cargo and containers, after the free storage period, shall be as follows in all ports of entry.

a) Breakbulk Export Cargo

1. Loaded Export Cargo

Free Storage Period - Seventy-two (72) hours from the time of arrastre acceptance

Rate after FSP - ₱0.50 per ton per day or part thereof up to hour of loading

11. Shut-Out Export Cargo

Free Storage Period - Seventy-two (72) hours after departure of intended carrying vessel.

Rate after FSP - ₱1.00 per ton per day up to date of removal.

b) Export Containerized Cargo/Containers

1. Export Container (empty or loaded)

Free Storage Period - Three (3) Calendar days from date of official receipt in the pier/container terminal.

Rate after FSP - ₱0.50 per ton per calendar day



Standard rate by type of container

10 footer container	-	₱ 8.00 per day
20 footer container	-	16.00 per day
35 footer container	-	28.00 per day
40 footer container	-	32.00 per day

11. Shut-Out Container (empty or loaded)

Free Storage Period - Three (3) calendar days from date of departure of the intended exporting vessel.

Rate after FSP - ₱1.00 per ton per calendar day

Standard rate by type of container

10 footer container	-	₱16.00 per day
20 footer container	-	32.00 per day
35 footer container	-	56.00 per day
40 footer container	-	64.00 per day

VII - STORAGE RATES ON DOMESTIC CARGO

Section 10. Storage Charge on Domestic Cargo and Empty Containers - On domestic cargo, cargo inside containers, and empty containers, discharged from vessels and/or brought to the piers or port areas, and stored thereat, the following rules and rates of storage charges shall be followed:

a) Breakbulk cargo discharged

Free Storage Period - Two (2) working days after discharge of all consignments from carrying vessel.

Rate after FSP - ₱1.50 per ton per calendar day or part thereof.

b) Breakbulk cargo brought to the piers and loaded on intended vessels.

Free Storage Period - Two (2) working days from date of arrastre acceptance.

Rate after FSP - ₱1.50 per ton per calendar day or part thereof.

c) Breakbulk shut-out cargo brought to the piers

Free Storage Period - Twenty-four (24) hours after departure of intended carrying vessel.

Rate after FSP - ₱1.50 per ton per day or part thereof.



- d) Cargo inside containers shall be charged storage fee when such accrue on them, in the same manner as breakbulk cargo in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- e) Empty containers remaining at the port premises shall likewise be subject to storage charges when any become due, in the same manner as ordinary cargo, to wit:

Free Storage Period - Two (2) working days after discharge from carrying vessel or after being brought inside the port areas.

Rate after FSP

less than 10 footer container	-	¥10.00 per day
10 footer container	-	24.00 per day
20 footer container	-	48.00 per day
35 footer container	-	84.00 per day
40 footer container	-	96.00 per day

- f) Cargo stored at sheds/warehouses constructed in the piers/port areas without permit/contract duly approved from PPA or Bureau of Customs shall be charged storage fees, when such accrue on them, in the manner as cargo stored at open storage areas.
- g) In no case shall cargo subject to storage charges be released from piers or port areas, or be loaded on board vessels without prior payment and/or permission from the PPA Terminal Operations Officers concerned.
- h) In the computation of storage for domestic cargo/containers, Sundays and Holidays shall be considered as free storage days for the duration of the grace period. However, after the lapse of the grace period, such Sundays and Holidays shall be treated as ordinary days for purposes of storage charges on the cargo involved.
- i) The arrastre/stevedoring contractor concerned shall have the duty to monitor all inbound and outbound cargo subject to storage and to report the same to the PPA Terminal Operations Officers assigned in the area.

VIII - EXEMPTION AND EXTENSION OF STORAGE PERIOD

Section 11. - Exemption of Import/export Cargoes from Payment of Storage Charges. - Import/export cargoes are exempt from payment of storage charges in the following cases, as the case maybe: ✓



- a) Articles weighing less than one (1) kilo which are designated for examination in the Port of Manila and for other ports whether or not designated for examination.
- b) Packages whose delivery is suspended in writing by the Collector of Customs concerned pending compliance with pertinent Customs regulations. Exemption period shall be during the suspension of delivery until after the expiration of three (3) days immediately following the date of notice of release to importer/shipper, broker or consignee.
- c) Packages which remain in the port premises pursuant to Philippine health service regulations or exemptions granted under special decrees or regulations promulgated by the government. Exemption period shall be during the time such regulations are being complied with and a copy of such decrees or regulations on exemption must be presented for reference to the PPA Finance Office prior to any release.

Section 12. Exemption of Domestic Cargoes from Payment of Storage Charges.- Domestic cargoes shall be exempt from payment of storage charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(c) of this Order.

Section 13. Extension of Free Storage Period

- a) Extension due to congestion in the piers. - When an importer/exporter/broker/consignee or owner demands delivery/loading of his articles, upon presentation to PPA Official concerned of a duly approved BOC permit/Bill of Lading within or immediately after the free storage period and having sufficient transportation or means to withdraw or load his articles, but because of the congestion of cargo and/or traffic in the piers, the cargoes cannot be removed/loaded, or in cases where berthing space is limited and there is congestion of vessels that prevented docking and loading at the piers, the free storage period shall be extended for the duration of such congestion, upon certification of the existence of such congestion by the duly designated PPA Operations personnel and approved by the Port Manager or his designated representative.
- b) Extension due to other causes. - The Port Manager or his duly designated representative may extend the free storage period on said cargo in the piers/port areas upon the petition of the importers/brokers/owners/consignees if in his (Port Manager or his duly designated representative) opinion the condition of the piers does not permit movement of said articles due to the following causes duly certified by the Port Operations Officer and approved by the Port Manager.



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- 1) Force majeure such as typhoons, fire or earthquake which prevent cargo handling operations.
 - 11) Other allied occurrences beyond the control of the importers/owners/consignees/brokers and which prevent cargo handling operations.

IX - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 14. Staggered deliveries of articles belonging to one consignment. - Storage charges which have accrued may be assessed and paid on the date of last delivery at the discretion of the Port Manager. The storage period shall commence from the lapse of free storage period as provided in this Order up to the date of every actual delivery.

Section 15. Emergency measures to decongest the piers.- Nothing herein prescribed shall preclude the Authority from taking emergency measures in coordination with the Bureau of Customs when necessary to decongest the piers by removing import/export/domestic articles/containers from the port area to other secured places at the expense of the owner/consignee.

Section 16. Records of Import/Export and Domestic Cargoes not Collected Storage Fees.- All import/export and inbound/outbound cargoes released/delivered, even if exempted from payment of storage charges in the pier/port area for reason that the free storage period was extended as allowed in the preceding sections, shall nevertheless be reflected in the storage reports by the PPA Terminal Operations Officers concerned for statistical, administrative and records purposes. A summary of cargoes exempted from payment of storage charges and/or cargoes of which the free storage periods were extended, must be submitted to the Head Office within ten (10) days after the end of each month. (Attachment A Format to be used)

Section 17, Basis of Assessment.- For purposes of the assessment of the storage charges herein-before provided the term "ton" shall be taken to mean a ton of 1,000 kilos or the American measurement ton of 1.326124 cubic meters (40 cubic feet), whichever is greater.


Section 18. No Waiver of Storage Charges.- No amount on respect of storage charges shall be waived or reduced as provided for by Section 21 of P.D. 857, save in cases where storage period is extended as provided in this Order.

Section 19. Saving Clause. - Any provisions or portions of this Order declared by competent authority as invalid shall not affect its other parts or provisions to which the declaration does not relate.




Section 20. Repealing Clause - All PPA orders, rules and regulations, policies, guidelines, memoranda or circulars inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 21. Effectivity - This Order takes effect upon approval.


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