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**PPA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
NO. 08 - 2015

**T O :** ALL PMOs, Shipping Companies, Pilots' Association,  
Port Users and All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT :** REGULATIONS ON COMPULSORY TUG ASSISTANCE AT THE  
BASEPORT OF SURIGAO AND AT OTHER GOVERNMENT PORTS  
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF PMO SURIGAO

**1. AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 Sections 6 (a) (ii), (iii), (v) and 20 of P.D. 857
- 1.2 Section 12 of PPA A.O. No. 03-85

**2. SCOPE**

This Order shall cover all foreign and domestic vessels with 500 gross registered tonnages (GRT) and above which dock/undock at the Baseport of Surigao and at other government ports under the jurisdiction of PMO Surigao.

**3. OBJECTIVE**

To protect government port facilities and to ensure the safe maneuvering of vessels at the Baseport of Surigao and at other government ports within the jurisdiction of PMO Surigao through the use of tugs.

**4. GUIDELINES**

**4.1 Responsibility for Ensuring Availability of Tug Assistance**

The Authority shall provide tug assistance service by authorizing shipping companies or private entities to provide such service on a non-exclusive basis.

**4.2 Permit to Operate Tug Assistance**

- 4.2.1 No operator shall provide tug assistance within the harbour limits unless in possession of an annual permit duly issued by the Authority, subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, in addition to the requirements of other agencies. The tugboat operator shall provide the equipment needed to render efficient service.

**VISION**

*By 2030, customers doing business in our ports shall experience full and sustained productivity, efficiency, comfort, connectivity, safety and security.*

**MISSION**

*We commit to provide reliable and responsive services in our ports, sustain development of our port communities and environment and be a model corporate agency of the government.*

Tugboat towing barges/lighters are exempted from the above-required annual permit when utilized solely for their own barges/lighters. Otherwise, the above permit is required when servicing other vessels for purpose of this regulation.

**4.3 Table of Tug Requirements**

Tug assistance requirements shall be determined on the basis of the gross registered tons (GRT) of the vessels and capacity (horsepower – HP) of the tugs in accordance with the following specifications.

<b>VESSEL TONNAGE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF TUGS</b>	<b>TUGBOAT CAPACITY</b>
500 – 1,000 GRT	1	750 – 999 HP
1,001 – 3,000 GRT	1	750 – 999 HP
3,001 – 10,000 GRT	1	1000 – 1499 HP
10,001 – 15,000 GRT	2	750 – 999 HP
15,001 – 20,000 GRT	2	1000 – 1499 HP
20,001 – Above	2	1500 – 2000 HP

4.3.1 Vessels with both functional bow and stern thrusters of sufficient capacity as inspected and verified by the Authority are exempted from above tug requirements, unless the Master of the vessel opts to avail of tug services. On the other hand, vessels with functional bow thrusters only are required to have fifty (50%) percent of the required tug horsepower.

4.3.2 In no case shall any vessel of 500 GRT and above be allowed to dock/undock at the Baseport of Surigao without the above-specified tug assistance. For other ports government within the jurisdiction of PMO Surigao, the same tugboat horsepower requirement shall be allowed when any of the conditions provided for in Section 12 of PPA Administrative Order No. 03-85, necessitating compulsory tug assistance, is present.

4.3.3 Non-propelled vessels such as barges/lighters are likewise exempted from the above requirement. However, they are still required to maintain their own tugboats while at berth in accordance with PPA Memorandum Circular No. 22-86.

**4.4 Rates for Tug Services**

Consistent with existing applicable laws, the Authority shall prescribe fees and rates for tug assistance. Accordingly, per consultation with the local port stakeholders the rates chargeable shall be determined **by negotiation and are mutually agreed upon** by and between the shipping company and the tugboat operators. In case

negotiations by the parties involved repeatedly fails to arrive at mutually agreed rate, the Authority may be requested to determine and prescribe applicable rates.

**4.5 Liability for Damages to Port Facilities**

Any damages caused to port facilities by vessels under tug assistance service shall be the liability of the parties declared at fault, as determined under existing applicable laws.

**5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If for any reason, any section or part of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid by competent authority, the declared or invalid section or part thereof shall not affect the other sections or parts to which such declaration or nullity does not apply or relate.

**6. REPEALING CLAUSE**

All PPA Orders which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**7. PENALTY CLAUSE**

Violation of any of the provisions of the AO will be subject to the penalties prescribed under PD 857 as amended or to relevant PPA issuances.

**8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE**

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general/local circulation.

  
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