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**PPA MEMORANDUM ORDER**  
No. 020 -2023

**TO :** All Port Managers  
Harbor Pilots  
Associations of Harbor Pilots  
Shipping Lines/Companies  
and Others Concerned

**SUBJECT :** **LIFTING OF THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HARBOR PILOTS PER PILOTAGE DISTRICT**

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**1. AUTHORITY**

- 1.1. Section 2 (a) and (b), and Section 6 (a) (ii) (iii) (v) and (viii) of PD 857
- 1.2. Executive Order (EO) No. 1088 series of 1986 entitled "Providing for Uniform and Modified Rates for Pilotage Services Rendered to Foreign and Coastwise Vessels in All Private or Public Philippine Ports"
- 1.3. Republic Act No. 11659 entitled "An Act Amending the Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, as Amended"
- 1.4. Republic Act (RA) No. 10667 entitled "The Philippine Competition Act"
- 1.5. PPA Board Resolution No. 3248

**2. SCOPE**

This Order shall apply to all pilotage districts in the country under the jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA).

**3. PURPOSE**

This Order is being issued to improve the efficiency of port operation, address the increasing demand for harbor pilot services and encourage wider participation in the practice of the Harbor Pilot profession.

#### 4. GUIDELINES

- 4.1. The number of appointed Harbor Pilots in any Pilotage District shall not be limited.
- 4.2. Upon recommendation of the Port Manager, the General Manager of the PPA may increase or decrease the number of appointed harbor pilots in a pilotage district considering the needs of the service under the following circumstances:
- a. The demand of Harbor Pilots based on the trend of the shipping traffic;
  - b. The degree of promptness of the pilots in rendering service and major factors involved in any downtime in the conduct of pilotage service;
  - c. Port infrastructure and shipping developments within the whole pilotage district; and
  - d. Changes in ocean and harbor topography, particularly along the channels and approaches to and from the port.

#### 5. DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND DISMISSAL

The penalty procedures for Harbor Pilots in violation of pilotage rules and regulations or refusal to comply with the lawful order of PPA shall be in accordance with existing procedures pursuant to PPA Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 03-85 entitled, "Rules and Regulations Governing Pilotage Services, the Conduct of Pilots and Pilotage Fees in Philippine Ports".

The Committee to be created for the purpose shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson : Manager, Port Operations and Services Department (POSD)

Vice-Chairperson : Port Manager of concerned Port Management Office (PMO)

Members : Manager, Port Police Department (PPD)

Lawyer from Legal Services Department (LSD)

PMO Harbor Master

Chief Harbor Pilot of the Pilots' Association concerned

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**6. REPEALING CLAUSE**

PPA issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby amended or modified.

**7. EFFECTIVITY**

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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General Manager

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