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PMO Administrative Order
No. 001 -2021

PHILIPPINE
PORTS
AUTHORITY



SUBJECT: **DESIGNATION OF CARGO EXAMINATION/INSPECTION AREA**

I. Authority

- a. Presidential Decree No. 857
- b. Section 96 (v) PPA Administrative Order No. 13-77 – General Port Rules of the Philippine Ports Authority
- c. PPA Administrative Order No. 01-2006 – Compendium of Regulations on Cargo Handling Operation
- d. Section IV (6) PPA Administrative Order No. 04-2009 – Revised General Pass Control System and Access Regulation

II. General Policy

- a. Portion of Container Yard 4, measuring an area of 12.5 meters x 3.00 meters which can accommodate two (2) units of 40-footer containers, is hereby designated as the Cargo Examination/Inspection Area in the Port of General Santos. Attached as Annex A is the Port Land Use Scheme (PLUS) showing the Cargo Examination/Inspection Area.
- b. The examination/inspection for customs and other legal purposes of all containerized cargoes in the Port of General Santos shall be conducted in the cargo examination/inspection area. Under this issuance, examination/inspection shall mean activities in the operational areas that involve opening of the container, internal search, stripping of contents, or any combination thereof.
- c. No examination/inspection of containerized cargoes for customs and other legal purposes shall be conducted other than at the above-mentioned area in the port.

III. Objectives

- a. To designate space within the operational area of the Port of General Santos wherein the examination/inspection of containerized cargoes by other government agencies such as the Bureau of Customs (BOC), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) shall be properly conducted.
- b. To establish the coordination protocols between PPA and other concerned government agencies (BOC/PDEA) on the use and access of the cargo examination/inspection area prior to, during, and after the actual examination/inspection of cargoes, without prejudice to the exercise of respective mandates/functions of the above-mentioned agencies.


- c. To prescribe the responsibilities in the payment of applicable handling charges incidental or arising from the transfer of subject cargoes from the container yard to the examination/inspection area and vice versa.

IV. Specific Guidelines

- a. All containerized cargoes subject to examinations/inspection shall be properly coordinated by the representative/s of concerned government agencies thru the presentation of a memorandum from BOC Port Collector on the conduct of 100% Examination/search warrant/mission order to the Port Police Division (PPD).
- b. Upon presentation/receipt of the above stated memorandum from the BOC/search warrant/mission order from the concerned government agency, PPD shall notify Port Services Division (PSD) thru the Terminal Services (TS) Section of the details of the conduct of the examination/inspection such as container number, date and time of examination/inspection, personnel conducting the examination/inspection).
- c. The shipper/consignee/agent or representative shall be responsible in coordinating with the cargo handling operator (CHO) the transfer of the subject cargo/es from the CY to the examination/inspection area, and vice versa. Same shall likewise be responsible in paying the CHO all applicable handling charges incidental or arising from such activities.
- d. Only those examination/inspection activities which are properly coordinated by concerned agencies with the PPD shall be allowed use and access of the examination/inspection area.
- e. The CHO shall only cause the transfer of subject cargoes from the container yard to the cargo examination/inspection area upon receipt of the advisory from PPA (PSD-TS) that the said activity has been properly coordinated.
- f. After the actual examination/inspection, subject cargoes shall be immediately transferred back to the designated container yard until pertinent clearance/permit/authority has been obtained for withdrawal from the port or loading to vessel.
- g. During actual examination/inspection, the presence of PPD/PSD-TS shall witness the said activity. Joint post-activity report shall be submitted to the Port Manager thru PPD-M/PSD-M as necessary.

V. Effectivity

This Order takes effect immediately.


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