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**PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**TO** : District Managers, Port Managers  
Cargo Handling/Terminal Operators  
Cargo Shippers/Owners  
All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT** : Mandatory Weighing of Containers and RO-RO Vehicles

The Authority has implemented a mandatory weighing policy for loaded foreign containers at the South Harbor and the Manila International Container Terminal (MICT). This is to ensure safety not only in the handling of outbound containers but also to mitigate risks to the port facilities, cargo handling equipment and the carrying vessels.

Lately however, several incidents resulting out of overloading of domestic containers and RO-RO vehicles have been reported to the Authority.

In view thereof, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed:

1. All outbound containers and RoRo vehicles, both foreign and domestic, for loading onto a carrying vessel shall be subject to mandatory weighing at the port of loading to ensure its compliance with the Allowable Container Weight and Prescribed Gross Vehicle Weight. The Weighing Tickets for the said containers and vehicles shall be honoured at the port of destination.
2. The cargo handling/terminal operators shall be responsible for ensuring the allowable/prescribed weights and safe handling of all containers and RoRo vehicles at the port.
3. Overloaded containers and Ro-Ro vehicles shall not be loaded onto the carrying vessel unless measures to correct the same have been done.

*VISION*

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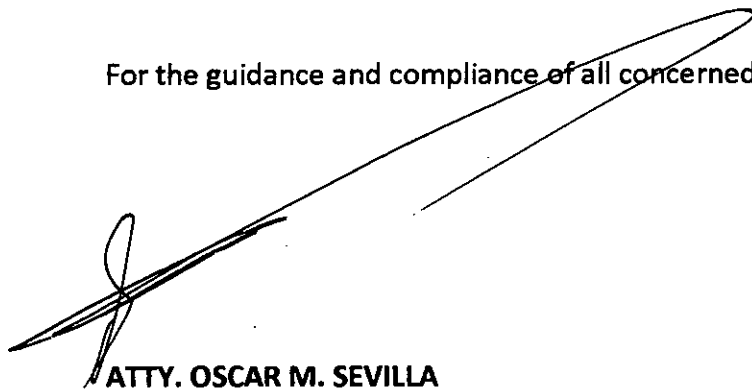
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*We commit to provide reliable and responsive services in our ports, sustain development of our port communities and the environment, and be a model corporate agency of the government.*

However, these measures such as stripping, attendant special services and ultimate withdrawal of these cargoes that maybe provided by the cargo handling/terminal operator are for the account of the cargo/vehicle owner.

4. Any weighbridge operation within the port is the responsibility of the Cargo handling /terminal operator but may be bid out by the Authority in case of the operator's inability to provide and operate the same
5. All weighing service providers/operators are required to secure permit/accreditation from the PPA before they are allowed to operate in the port.
6. Payment for the use of the Weighbridge/Truck Scale shall be the rates as agreed upon by the service provider and the owner of the cargo/vehicle and as approved by PPA, until such time that the Authority shall have established a standard weighing rate nationwide.
7. The service providers/operators shall remit to the Authority the corresponding government share or variable fee out of its gross income from the weighing service operation, in addition to the permit fee per annum as provided for in PPA AO No. 08-96 and PPA MC No.07-97.
8. Cargo handling/terminal operators shall, whenever necessary and expedient, coordinate with the Authority any concern resulting from the mandatory weighing of cargoes/containers and for the efficient implementation of this Circular .
9. All PMOs shall issue corresponding PMO guidelines to implement this Memorandum Circular.

This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and shall remain in force and effect unless otherwise cancelled or revoked.

For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.



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