BAGGING/REBAGGING OPERATIONS OF BULK CARGOES

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As part of the Authority's efforts in ensuring efficiency in cargo loading and unloading operations at ports, wherein the on-shore cycle time shall coincide with the on-board cycle time, thus resulting to faster vessel turn-around time, ALL BAGGING/REBAGGING OPERATIONS SHALL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED ON ANY PART OF THE QUAY OR APRON.

Further, NO BAGGING/REBAGGING OPERATIONS shall be allowed except when this is done within the vessel's productivity cycle as agreed upon and committed during the berthing meeting among the shipping company, the cargo handling operator (CHO), cargo owner/consignee and the Authority, subject to the following conditions:

- That no bagging/rebagging operations remain within the berth length occupied by the subject vessel beyond the vessel's productivity cycle;

- That the minimum productivity shall be 80 tons per ship-hour. This is based on the following set up:

- Two hatches of bulk vessel are open.

- Each hatch has a dedicated clamshell.

- Each clamshell unloads into the bagging machine's hopper. (One clamshell per bagging machine)

- Each bagging machine is connected to two (2) conveyors.

- Each conveyor loads onto a truck.
(See Annex "A")[*]

- That the CHO complies with the committed bulk cargo productivity regardless of the bagging set-up, and;

- That the cargo owner/consignee, in coordination with the CHO, shall ensure a sufficient number of trucks and commit a turnaround time for trucks consistent with the vessel's productivity cycle.

The Port Manager shall designate other available areas of the port for bagging/rebagging operations. However, no part of the quay or apron may be used as stacking or storage area for bagged cargoes at any time and Automated Bagging Machines shall be removed from the quay before the vessel undocks from berth.

The Port Manager shall establish operational guidelines and procedures at ports under the PMO's jurisdiction for the implementation of this Memorandum Circular and may impose restrictions and penalties in accordance with existing rules and regulations, or as may be approved by PPA Management.

For the compliance of all concerned.

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[*] Text Available at the Office of the National Administrative Register, U.P. Law Complex, Diliman, Quezon City.

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