TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOUR WORK SCHEDULE BY CARGO HANDLING CONTRACTORS/OPERATORS

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To maintain and increase efficiency in the ports through faster turn-around time of vessels, it is the responsibility of the cargo handling contractors/operators to maintain a 24-hour work schedule in all ports. Thus strict compliance of the provisions of PPA Memorandum Circular No. 34-96 dated August 5, 1996 must be observed by all concerned.

Considering that most warehouses of consignees or cargo owners are closed after 5 o'clock in the afternoon and that there are no receiving trucks available during loading or unloading operations, the following remedial measures should be jointly effected by the PPA, cargo handlers, ship owners, and consignees:

1. Every vessel shall load or unload her cargo with reasonable dispatch and shall be worked continuously including night and overtime hours as requested by the vessel owner, consignees or as required by PPA.

2. All cargoes except valuable, objectionable or offensive cargo as defined in Admin. Order No. 13-77 which should be treated or handled with extra precaution, must be discharged by the cargo handler from the vessel and stored in available spaces in the port determined by the cargo handler and approved by the Authority.

3. Corresponding storage charges accruing from such cargoes shall be paid by the consignees in accordance with existing regulations on cargoes stored at the port during any of the three (3) shift schedules maintained by the cargo handling contractors/operators.

This Circular shall take effect on July 01, 1999 and will remain enforced unless sooner revoked or amended.

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