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**GUIDELINES ON THE OPERATION OF WEIGHBRIDGE FACILITIES
AND SERVICES AT PPA PORTS**

This Regulation shall be known and cited as the **"Guidelines on the Operation of Weighbridge Facilities and Services at PPA Ports."**

1. AUTHORITY

1.1 Sections 6-a (ii), (iii), (v) and 6-b (vi) of P.d. 857, Revised Charter of the Philippine Ports Authority, as amended;

1.2 PPA Administrative Order No. 01-2006, Compendium of Regulations on Cargo Handling Operations, as amended; and

1.3 PPA Memorandum Circular No. 23-2009, Mandatory Weighing of Containers and RO-RO Vehicles

2. RATIONALE

To prescribe a consistent policy guideline on weighing containers and RO-RO vehicles inside the port which will ensure safety, not only in the handling thereof, but also mitigate risks to the port facilities, cargo handling equipment and carrying vessel.

3. SCOPE

This regulation shall apply to the provision and operation of weighbridge services in all government ports under the jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority. This does not cover RO-RO vehicles passing through the Strong Republic Nautical Highway (SRNH) Route.

4. OBJECTIVES

4.1 To standardize the requirements and procedures in the operation and provision of weighbridge facilities and services;

- 4.2 To prescribe guidelines on the weighing of outbound loaded containers and RO-RO vehicles; and
- 4.3 To deter the overloading of outbound containers and RO-RO vehicles at PPA ports and mitigate risks to the port facilities, cargo handling equipment, carrying vessel and the port users in general.

5. GENERAL GUIDELINES

5.1 Cargoes Subject to Mandatory Weighing

- 5.1.1 All loaded outbound containers; and
- 5.1.2 All RO-RO Vehicles registered for commercial purposes and loaded with commercial cargo.

5.2 exemptions from Weighing

- 5.2.1 All RO-RO Vehicles which have registered fixed weight and have no commercial cargo on board; and
- 5.2.2 Empty Containers which should be opened for inspection.

5.3 Prescribed Gross Weight

5.3.1 The Rating (Maximum Gross Weight) for loaded containers shall be the load limits specified by ISO 668:1995 Series 1 "Freight Containers - Classification, Dimensions and Ratings" as shown in the table below.

TYPE	RATING (MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT)
40 FOOTER	30,480 KG
30 FOOTER	25,400 KG
20 FOOTER	24,000 KG
10 FOOTER	10,160 KG

5.3.2 For RO-RO vehicles, the manufacturer's prescribed registered gross vehicle weight shall be used as basis.

5.4 Weighbridge Location

5.4.1 The weighbridge facility shall be located inside the port;
and

5.4.2 The Port Management Office (PMO) shall designate an area inside the port premises for the location and installation of weighbridge facility, including the weighbridge office and lay-by area for the temporary holding or stripping of overloaded containers and RO-RO vehicles.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WEIGHING LOADED CONTAINERS AND RO-RO VEHICLES

6.1 Cargo Handling Operator

- 6.1.1 Ensure that all cargoes are weighed inside the port prior to loading;
- 6.1.2 Based on the formal advice of Shipping Company, accept containers and RO-RO vehicles which have been determined to be overloaded;
- 6.1.3 Ensure proper handling and storage/stacking of containers; and
- 6.1.4 Coordinate with the PMO any concern resulting from the mandatory weighing and handling of overloaded containers and RO-RO vehicles.

6.2. PPA authorized weighing service provider (WSP)

- 6.2.1 Provide the required weighing facility/ies and services in the port;
- 6.2.2 Establish the actual weight reading of the loaded containers and RO-RO vehicles;
- 6.2.3 Furnish the carrying vessel or the shipping agent and the CH operator with the list of containers and RO-RO vehicles which are overloaded, if so required;
- 6.2.4 Maintain an official weight record of all outbound loaded containers and RO-RO vehicles and provide the PMO with a report thereof upon request or on a regular basis;
- 6.2.5 Ensure that the weighing service is available at all times;
- 6.2.6 Provide additional weighbridge facilities when the Authority deems it necessary; and
- 6.2.7 Coordinate with the PMO any concern on the mandatory weighing of containers and RO-RO vehicles.

6.3 Shipping Agent/Official

- 6.3.1 Determine whether or not to accept containers and RO-RO vehicles which are overloaded for loading onto the vessel; and
- 6.3.2 Formally notify the CH operator of the acceptance of a container or RO-RO vehicle which has been determined to be overloaded.