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**ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF DANGEROUS CARGO AREA
(DCA) AT SOUTH HARBOR**

1. Authority/Reference

- 1.1 Section 27 of Presidential Decree 857
- 1.2 PPA Administrative Order No. 06-99 re: "Dockwork Safety and Health Standards"
- 1.3 PPA Administrative Order No. 08-97 entitled: "Code of Safe Handling, Storage and Transport of Dangerous Cargoes in Ports"

2. Scope

This Order shall apply to all dangerous cargoes loaded/unloaded at South Harbor.

3. Objectives

- 3.1 to ensure the safe handling, transport and storage of dangerous cargoes.
- 3.2 To effectively supervise and monitor the movement of dangerous cargoes.
- 3.3 To comply with international standards

4. Definition of Terms

- 4.1 Authority - shall mean the Philippine Ports Authority
- 4.2 International Maritime Organization (IMO) - shall refer to an international organization working under the United Nations Economic and Social Council and concerned with maritime safety
- 4.3 IMDG code - shall mean the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code promulgated by IMO
- 4.4 Asian Terminals, Inc. (ATI) - shall refer to the Cargo handling Contractor of South Harbor
- 4.5 DCA - shall mean Dangerous Cargo Area
- 4.6 Dangerous Cargoes - shall mean those cargoes contained or declared in either of the following:
 - 4.6.1 Latest edition of IMDG Code;
 - 4.6.2 Dangerous Goods Manual/List of PPA, Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Customs and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
 - 4.6.3 Outward/Inward Foreign Manifest; or
 - 4.6.4 Document showing that the cargo is known or suspected to possess hazardous property due to its inherent characteristics or chemical composition.

- 4.7 FCL - shall mean Full Container Load
- 4.8 LCL - shall mean Less Container Load
- 4.9 TEU - shall mean Twenty Equivalent Unit
- 4.10 CFS - shall mean Container Freight Station

5. Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of ATI to:

5.1 Develop, establish and operate a DCA within its area of responsibility, the design of which shall be in conformity with accepted international standards. The operation of DCA shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of PPA Administrative Order No. 08-97 entitled: "Code of Safe Handling, Storage and Transport of Dangerous Cargoes in Ports", PPA Administrative Order No. 06-99 re: "Dockwork Safety and Health Standards" and other related safety regulations.

5.2 Ensure that dangerous cargoes loaded/unloaded at South Harbor are covered by appropriate permits/clearances issued by various government agencies such as the PNP for explosive cargoes, DENR for Ozone Depleting Substances and those cargoes covered by RA 6969 and its implementing rules and regulations, Philippine Nuclear Research Institute for radioactive substances, and other required government clearances.

5.3 Formulate emergency and contingency plan.

5.4 Make available appropriate personal protective equipment for personnel assigned at the DCA and those personnel from the Bureau of Customs and PPA and private sectors that are transacting business or performing their respective mandates.

5.5 Assign only highly competent and trained personnel to work in the DCA.

5.6 Conduct continuous training on the handling and storage of dangerous cargoes.

5.7 Ensure that segregation requirements are observed and complied with.

6. Safety Requirements

6.1 The warehouse shall be:

6.1.1 Provided with separate drainage system with shut off valves, sumps or basins and means of discharge of contaminated water to special facilities;

6.1.2 Properly ventilated;

6.1.3 Made of fire resisting walls and ceilings with explosive proof bulbs;

6.1.4 Provided with safety signs and markings for segregation purposes;

6.1.5 Equipped with sufficient type and number of fire fighting equipment in accordance to the pertinent provision of PPA Administrative Order No. 06-99 entitled: "Dockwork Safety and Health Standards";