

**[PPA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 06-96,
February 13, 1996]**

**REGULATIONS ON COMPULSORY TUG ASSISTANCE AT THE PORT
OF GENERAL SANTOS AND AT OTHER PORTS WITHIN THE SOUTH
COTABATO, SARANGANI AND GENERAL SANTOS (SOCSARGEN)
AREA**

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Authority

1.1 Section 6 (a) (ii) (iii) (v) and 20 of P.D. 857

1.2 Section 12 of PPA AO No. 03-85

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Scope

This Order shall cover all foreign and domestic vessels with 1,500 gross registered tonnage and above which dock/undock at Makar Wharf, Port of General Santos and at other ports within the SOCSARGEN area.

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Objective

To protect government port facilities and to ensure the safe maneuvering of vessels at the ports within the jurisdiction of PMO-General Santos.

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Guidelines

4.1 Responsibility for Ensuring Availability of Tug Assistance — The Authority (PPA) shall provide tug assistance service by authorizing shipping companies or private entities to provide such service on a non-exclusive basis.

4.2 Permit to Operate Tug Assistance — No operator shall provide tug assistance within the harbor limits unless in possession of an annual permit duly issued by the Authority, subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, in addition to the requirements of other agencies. The tugboat operator shall provide the equipment needed to render an efficient service.

Tugboats towing barges/lighters are exempted from the above required annual