

## [ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 255, February 21, 1940 ]

### **FIXING AND REGULATING THE COLLECTION OF WHARF OR PIER CHARGES FOR THE USE OF PORT FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the ports of the Philippines have been classified by Executive Order No. 195 dated March 13, 1939, as revised by Executive Order No. 254 dated February 20, 1940;

WHEREAS, it appears advisable that a definite policy be adopted fixing and regulating the collection of wharf or pier charges for the use of port facilities throughout the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, the collection of fees at municipal ports is authorized by Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and eleven, known as the Administrative Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL L. QUEZON, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, do hereby order that berthing fees shall be collected at all National ports in the amounts and under the conditions hereinafter set forth, viz.:

(1) *Vessels in Foreign Trade.*— a. Every vessel engaged in foreign-carrying trade which berths at a pier, wharf, bulkhead-wharf, river or channel marginal wharf at any National port in the Philippines provided with cargo sheds, or makes fast to any vessel lying at such wharf or pier, for the purpose of discharging and/or loading cargo shall pay a berthing fee of two centavos (P0.02) per registered gross ton of vessel for the first twenty-four (24) hours, or part thereof, and for each succeeding twenty-four (24) hours, or part thereof, exceeding three (3) hours, the same berthing fee shall be paid: Provided, That the maximum charge shall not exceed two hundred pesos (P200.00) per day.

(b) Every vessel engaged in foreign-carrying trade which berths at a pier, wharf, bulkhead-wharf, river or channel marginal wharf at any National port in the Philippines without cargo sheds, or makes fast to any vessel lying at such wharf or pier, for the purpose of discharging and/or loading cargo shall pay a berthing fee of one and one-half centavos (P0.015) per registered gross ton of vessel for the first twenty-four (24) hours, or part thereof, and for each succeeding twenty-four (24) hours, or part thereof, exceeding three (3) hours, the same berthing fee shall be paid: Provided, That the maximum charge shall not exceed one hundred fifty pesos (P150.00) per day.

(2) *Non-cargo Vessels.*— Every vessel engaged in foreign-carrying trade which berths at a pier, wharf, bulkhead-wharf, river or channel marginal wharf at any National port in the Philippines, or makes fast to any vessel lying at such wharf or pier, for the sole purpose of landing and/or taking passengers, or for taking fresh water or fuel for bunkers shall pay a berthing fee of one centavo (P0.01) per