

**[PPA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 06-98, April
29, 1998]**

**REGULATIONS ON COMPULSORY TUG ASSISTANCE AT THE
SOUTH HARBOR, PORT OF MANILA**

1. 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

2. SCOPE

This Order shall cover all foreign and domestic vessels with 500 gross registered tonnage and above which dock/undock at the South Harbor, Port of Manila.

3. OBJECTIVE

To protect government port facilities and to ensure the safe maneuvering of vessels at the South Harbor through the use of tugs.

4. 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* — Only tug operators with a valid Permit to Operate (PTO) issued by the Port Management Office of South Harbor shall be allowed to render tug assistance service. Tug operator applicants shall only be issued a PTO after submission of the following requirements:

4.2.1 A valid tug Certificate of Inspection issued by MARINA for every tugboat.

4.2.2 Result of Bollard Pull (BP) test, if available, which shall not be less than 35/40 BP for 2,400/3,200 Brake Horsepower (BHP).

4.2.3 Proof that the tug operator can field, when needed, at least four (4) tugboats from its available fleet with a minimum capacity each of 2 x 1,000 BHP and 2 x 2,400/3,200 BHP.

Tugboats towing barges/lighters are exempted from the above required annual permit when utilized solely for their own barges/lighters.