

**[ PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 09-2003,  
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**PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES TO SECURE OPERATIONAL AREAS AT  
THE PORTS AND PREVENT THE ENTRY OF NEW OR ADDITIONAL  
INFORMAL SETTLERS IN PPA PORTS**

Pursuant to the provision of Section 26, Article VII of Presidential Decree No. 857 (as amended) otherwise known as the "Revised Charter of the Philippine Ports Authority", promulgated on December 23, 1975, as well as in line with the provisions of Sections 67 and 84 of PPA Administrative Order No. 13-77 otherwise known as the "General Port Regulations of the Philippine Ports Authority", promulgated on September 2, 1977, the following guidelines to secure operational areas at the ports and prevent the entry of new or additional informal settlers in PPA ports are hereby prescribed for the guidance and/or compliance by all Port Districts Offices, Port Management Offices, and others concerned, to wit:

**1. OBJECTIVES:**

- 1.1 To determine the accurate listing/inventory of existing informal settlers occupying areas within the port zone limits
- 1.2 To secure operational areas and prevent the entry of new or additional informal settlers in PPA ports.

**2. SCOPE:**

All port areas within the jurisdiction of Philippine Ports Authority.

**3. DEFINITION OF TERMS:**

3.1 *Informal Settlers* — that segment of society who lives within the port zone limits and in PPA relocation sites and who normally derive their livelihood from the various commercial activities in the port.

3.2 *Port Community Welfare Programs/Projects (PCWPP)* — this refers to a set or sets of activities which aim to improve the living condition of the marginalized sector of society, particularly those living within the port communities. ex: Poverty alleviation, the conduct of practical skills and livelihood training eg: Carpentry, Baking, Dressmaking, Reflexology, Welding etc., medical, health and sanitation services, Responsible Parenthood and Values Formation and others PCWPPs which shall provide better livelihood opportunities within the port community with particular emphasis to women and out of school youth.

3.3 *Port Zone Limits* — this refers to the territorial jurisdiction under the control, supervision or ownership of the Authority.

**4. GENERAL GUIDELINES:**