

[PPA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 08-2000, May 03, 2000]

COMPULSORY TUG ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENT AT THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL (MICT), PORT OF MANILA

1. Authority

1.1 Sections 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/moor/unmoor within the jurisdictional area of the Manila International Container Terminal (MICT).

3. Objective — To protect government port facilities and ensure the safe maneuvering of vessels within the MICT jurisdiction, through the use of tugs.

4. Guidelines

4.1 *Responsibility for Ensuring Availability of Tug Assistance* — The Authority (PPA), in coordination with the MICT Terminal Operator and in consultation with shipping clients, 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 MICT harbor limits unless in possession of an annual Permit duly issued by the Authority, subject to the terms and requirements as it may deem proper (such as the MARINA/PCG Inspection Certificate, tug capacities and fleet availability), in addition to the requirements of other agencies. The tug operator shall provide the necessary equipment and expertise required to render efficient and safe service at MICT.

Tugboats towing barges/lighters are exempted from the above required annual permit when utilized solely for their own barges/lighters. Otherwise, the above PPA Permit is required when servicing other vessels for purposes of this regulation.

4.3 *Table of Tug Requirements* — Mandatory tug assistance requirements, under normal weather and port conditions, shall be determined on the basis of the gross registered tonnage (GRT) of the vessel and the capacity of tugs (horsepower-BHP) in accordance with the following:

Vessel Gross Tonnage	Number of	Capacity
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