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GUIDELINES IMPLEMENTING THE ARRANGEMENT ON THE COMMON TARIFF FOR VESSELS OPERATING UNDER THE BIMP-EAGA PROGRAM

The Director of Ports, Ministry of Communications, Brunei Darussalam and the Philippine Ports Authority have signed the Arrangement on the Common Tariff for Vessels Operating Under the BIMP-EAGA Program (Annex "A"). The agreement which takes effect 01 September 1999 shall be for a period of two (2) years.

Likewise, a similar arrangement between the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of the Philippines which is set to expire on 30 September 1999 has been formally renewed by the Directorate General of Sea Communication, Department of Communications of the Republic of Indonesia and this Authority (Annex "B"). Thus, both countries will continue to enjoy the incentives under the program for another period of two (2) years starting from 01 October 1999.

Pursuant to the terms of the above subject Arrangement, all vessels carrying the flags of Indonesia, Brunei and the Philippines which are accredited to operate under the BIMP-EAGA Program shall be entitled to the following special port charges against vessels:

Port Dues — U.S. \$0.040 per GRT

Dockage — U.S. \$0.020 per GRT per day or fraction thereof

The availment of the above special charges shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Vessels operating under the BIMP-EAGA Program shall secure certifications or accreditation from their respective authorized government agencies allowing said vessels to ply the trans-EAGA route under the program and avail of the incentives. For Philippine flag vessels desiring to operate under this program, the accreditation shall be secured and issued by the Maritime Industry Authority;
2. The special rates are applicable only when the vessel's last and next ports of call are in the BIMP-EAGA ports as listed in Annex C;
3. All PPA personnel concerned shall require vessels availing of the incentive to present the certification and documents showing the last and next port of calls or prior to extension of the incentives;
4. The arrangement between the Brunei Darussalam and the Philippines shall expire on 31 August 2001 while the agreement with Indonesia will lapse on 30 September