

## **[ PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 08-97, February 05, 1997 ]**

### **CLARIFICATIONS ON THE EXEMPTION OF NAVAL, DIPLOMATIC AND ACADEMIC VESSELS FROM PAYMENT OF VESSEL CHARGES**

#### **1. AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 Sec. 21, Presidential Decree No. 857, dated 23 December 1975, as amended
- 1.2 PPA Memorandum Order No. 20-83, dated 26 July 1983
- 1.3 PPA Memorandum Circular No. 03-95, dated 5 January 1995
- 1.4 PPA Memorandum Circular No. 07-94, dated 9 March 1994

#### **2. OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 To ensure proper interpretation and implementation of relevant provisions covering exemptions from payment of port charges granted to foreign state vessels.
- 2.2 To ensure reciprocal privileges to vessels owned by the Philippine government which are similarly situated as foreign vessels granted exemption.

#### **3. DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1 *Vessel Charges* — refer to charge against vessels such as:
  - 3.1.1 *Port dues* — is the amount assessed against a vessel engaged in foreign trade based on its total GRT or part thereof, including those engaged in barter trade for each entrance into and departure from a port of entry in the Philippines.
  - 3.1.2 *Dockage at Berth* — is the amount assessed against a vessel engaged in international or foreign trade, including those engaged in barter trade, for mooring or berthing at a pier, wharf, bulkhead — wharf, river or channel marginal wharf at any national port in the Philippines; of for mooring or making fast to a vessel so berthed.
  - 3.1.3 *Dockage at Anchorage* — is the amount assessed against a vessel engaged in international or foreign trade, including those engaged in barter trade, that do not berth but drop anchor at either a government or privately-owned port whether operated exclusively or commercially.
- 3.2 *Naval Vessels* — Commissioned vessels owned by navies of friendly