

Republic of the Philippines

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

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MINISTRY ORDER)	SUBJECT:	Prescribing Guidelines	for
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Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 857, dated 23 December 1975, "providing for the reorganization of port administration and operation functions in the Philippines, revising Presidential Decree No. 505 dated July 11, 1974, creating the Philippine Ports Authority, by substitution, and for other purposes," the following guidelines pertaining to construction and maintenance of public ports are hereby prescribed:

I. Responsibilities and Authorities of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)

- a. Submit, thru the Minister of Public Works,
 Transportation and Communications and the
 Minister of the Budget, to the President of
 the Philippines, for approval, its annual
 programs and budgets of expenditures from its
 corporate funds, the General Revenue of the
 National Government, and other funds, covering
 current operating expenditures and capital
 outlays.
- b. Undertake general planning of the ports and harbors of the country-taken individually and as a system -- covering their location, functions, interrelationships, and master plans for developments -- in accordance with the Government's development programs for trade, industry, and agriculture, as well as with regional development plans. The general planning will serve as a basis for further port development activities.
- c. Conduct feasibility studies of specific port projects to determine their soundness and desirability in terms of their technical, financial, economic, social, environmental, operational and

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related aspects, thereby providing a rational basis for making decisions with respect to the implementation of the projects.

- d. Perform preliminary engineering of specific port projects covering the necessary preliminary engineering surveys and preliminary plans, estimates of quantities and costs of construction, generally with a degree of accuracy of plus or minus 20 per centum.
- e. Determine priorities of construction projects in public ports, whether existing or proposed, consistent with national development plans and in relation to the capital programs and budgets mentioned under Item I a above.
- f. Initiate the implementation of port construction projects by the Bureau of Public Works (BPW), by furnishing it with the necessary recommendations, together with general plans, feasibility studies, preliminary engineering and other relevant requirements for project execution.
- g. Concur in the final working plans and funding schedules prepared and submitted by the BPW prior to tendering.
- h. Provide and/or make available to the BPW the necessary funds for port construction projects in accordance with approved capital programs and budgets, and funding schedules concurred in by the PPA, as validated by the necessary programs of work and detailed cost estimates.
- i. In accordance with approved programs and budgets, undertake maintenance dredging of public ports, involving the deepening of fairways, navigational channels, and slips to restore or bring them to the original designed depths.
- j. In conformance with approved programs and budgets, undertake repair and maintenance of public ports administered by PPA to restore or bring them to original designed configurations and capacities.
- k. Acquire and/or operate maintenance dredging equipment and other equipment, tools and facilities for repair and maintenance of ports and harbors.

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- 1. Conduct regular field inspection of port construction projects, inform the BPW on necessary changes. in the works for effective port operations and maintenance, and furnish the BPW with copies of reports on the progress of works and assessment of the performance of contractors.
- m. Furnish the Office of the Minister of Public Works, Transportation and Communications with copies of monthly status and progress reports on the above items.

II. Responsibilities of the Bureau of Public Works (BPW)

- a. Act as the executing agency for port detailed engineering of construction projects in public ports; construction, including extension, expansion and reconstruction of public ports whether by contract or force account; construction dredging and reclamation of public ports; and supervision of construction projects.
- Upon receipt of request of the PPA, undertake detailed b. engineering of port construction projects including construction dredging and reclamation, involving the conduct of the necessary engineering surveys and investigations and the preparation of final working plans, specifications, cost estimates, programs of work, funding schedules, and tender documents, generally with a degree of accuracy of plus or minus ten per centum, so as to minimize quantity and cost overruns, change orders, extra work orders, and supplemental agreements. Submit to the PPA for concurrence the final working plans and funding schedules prior to approval of the Director of Public Works. Submit all detailed engineering documents to higher authorities for approval in accordance with the provisions of Ministry Order No. 79-1, the Public Works Acts, and other laws, rules and regulations.
- c. After approval of the detailed engineering documents, advertise the construction projects for bids, make awards, enter into contracts, and submit the same to higher authorities for approval in accordance with the provisions of Ministry (Department) Order No. 33, series of 1976, as amended, the Public Works Acts, and other laws, rules and regulations.

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- Furnish the PPA with copies of approved port construction contracts with complete supporting documents.
- Supervise the implementation of port construction projects, including construction dredging and reclamation.
- Furnish the PPA and the Office of the Minister of Public Works, Transportation and Communications with copies of monthly reports of project status and accomplishments.

An exception to the above arrangement, the PPA shall directly undertake the planning, construction, development and maintenance of the Manila International Port pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1284.

All existing orders, circulars and memoranda inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

This Order takes effect immediately.

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