

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Public Highways  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
M a n i l a

March 10, 1977

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 36-A

TO: All Heads of Bureaus, Regional Offices, Equipment Depots, District Offices, Area Shops and Department Proper Services

For incorporation as Appendix MM-1 in DPH Department Order No. 36-A dated October 28, 1976, letter dated March 7, 1977 of Luzon Stevedoring Corporation to this Department is quoted hereunder to clarify the firm's demurrage charge in its trucking and barging rates:

"Gentlemen:

"We refer to our Contract on Hauling Services now being implemented under your Department Order No. 36-A.

"In this connection, we wish to assure you that the demurrage charge will not be arbitrarily charged. Instead, it will only be applicable after coordinations have been made prior to actual haulings. Thus:

- "1. Whenever there are haulings to be made to the different regions, Lusteveco will advise DPH-Manila of the schedule date of haulings. This information will be relayed to the region which will, in turn, make preparations to receive the cargoes.
- "2. After these coordinations have been made, DPH-Manila will advise us to proceed with the actual haulings.
- "3. Our demurrage charge will apply only if the above coordinations have been done and still there are delays in the receiving of cargoes at the regions.

"On our part, we have assigned a representative who will frequent your office to insure coordination and promptness of our services.

"We are confident that with our mutual coordination, there would be rare instances of demurrage. We wish to add further that even if a demurrage is incurred, this will still be reviewed with your representative to establish its validity.

"We trust that this will clarify the fact that demurrage is indeed not a regular charge and that, in effect, it encourages efficiency and, therefore, savings.

"Very truly yours,

(SGD.) ILLEGIBLE  
For M.R. NARVASA  
Marketing Manager"

Please be guided accordingly and strict compliance is enjoined.

(SGD.) BALTAZAR AQUINO  
Secretary