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CARLOS G. DOMINGUEZ III

Secretary
Department of Finance
Roxas Blvd., Metro Manila

Dear Sec. Dominguez:

In light of the COVID 19 pandemic, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 which: (a) declared the whole Philippines under a State of Calamity for a period of six (6) months from 16 March 2020; and (b) imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) throughout the island of Luzon (which includes Metro Manila) from 17 March to 13 April 2020.

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Republic Act 11469 otherwise known as the “*Bayanihan to Heal as One Act*” was enacted into law last 24 March 2020 to give emergency powers to the President in dealing with the COVID crisis. Section 3.e of the Act calls for the implementation of a “program for recovery and rehabilitation, including a social amelioration program and provision of safety nets for all affected sectors.” Moreover, Section 4 enjoins government agencies to exercise ‘regulatory forbearance’.

In this regard, upon the recommendation of the EDC Networking Committee on Transport and Logistics, the Board resolves to request ‘*waiver*’ of the *payment and collection of demurrage fees for those cargoes at the port affected by the lockdown.*

We are looking forward to your utmost attention and response.

Very truly yours,



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ATTY. ARTHUR P. TUGADESecretary
Department of Transportation
Ortigas Ave., Mandaluyong City**Dear Sec. Tugade:**

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ATTY. JAY DANIEL R. SANTIAGOGeneral Manager
Philippine Ports Authority
Bonifacio Drive, South Harbour
Port Area, Manila**Dear GM Santiago:**

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