



# Philippine Economic Zone Authority

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TO : Economic Zone Locator Enterprises in the CALABARZON area  
Economic Zone Administrators / Managers  
PEZA-Registered Brokers, Freight Forwarders and Truckers

FROM : Director General LILIA B. DE LIMA *Lilia B. de Lima*

SUBJECT : Extension of 50% reduction in PEZA Processing Fees for Ecozone  
Import/Export Shipments via the Batangas International Port

DATE : 20 June 2012



In support of the immediate and full utilization of the Batangas International Port (BIP) by our ecozone locators, PEZA is pleased to extend its offer of 50% reduction in all processing fees for ecozone import/export full-container load shipments to be discharged/loaded at the BIP for another 6 months or from 01 July to 31 December 2012.

Our partner institutions/agencies such as the PPA, BOC, DILG, JFCCI, ATI, MCC and other key players have likewise undertaken their respective actions to promote and maximize the use of the BIP. But while MCC Transport has delivered its commitment to make a regular weekly port call at the BIP, we have yet to see a significant volume of ecozone shipments needed to lure in more international shipping lines or at least make viable the operation of MCC Transport at the said port.

Based on the ATI report, the MCC vessel which had its maiden call on 02 January 2012 at the BIP only managed to load a total of 2,351 TEUs (import/export shipments) as of 20 June 2012 or a monthly average of 392 TEUs. This is way below the vessel's full capacity at 1,100 TEUs. Moreover, the ecozone shipments of 481 TEUs merely represent 20% of the total 2,351 TEUs loaded with MCC for the first 6 months of the year. This means that domestic enterprises are utilizing more the BIP with bigger volumes than our ecozone export enterprises.

We, therefore, urge once again our valued ecozone locators to make an extra effort to utilize immediately the BIP for their import/export shipments and to follow the lead of Epson Precision, Ford Motors, Stepan, Yazaki-Torres, Bobcock Hitachi, Deco Candles and Royal Cargo which are now reaping all the benefits from shifting some of their containerized cargoes from Manila ports to the BIP.

Thank you very much for your continued support to PEZA.

