



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 *L.B. De Lima*

SUBJECT : Second Extension of 50% reduction in all PEZA Processing Fees for Ecozone Import/Export Full-Container Load Shipments via the Batangas International Port

DATE : 30 April 2013

As part of our commitment and continuing advocacy to facilitate the immediate and full utilization of the Batangas International Port (BIP) by our ecozone locators, we are pleased to extend for another year, from January to December 2013, the 50% reduction in all PEZA processing fees for ecozone import/export full-container load shipments to be discharged/loaded at the BIP.

We are glad to note that the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) has followed PEZA's lead in reducing by 50% its rates on port charges (i.e., port dues and dockage for vessels) also for a period of one (1) year. As such, we expect the other logistics, service and facilities providers (i.e., port operators, carriers, truckers, brokers and freight forwarders) to make their best offer in convincing our ecozone locators to shift their cargoes from Manila to the Batangas port.

In the same manner, we urge once again our valued ecozone locators to make an extra effort to promote and maximize the use of the BIP by nominating in the Bill of Lading the discharge and/or loading of their containerized cargoes via the said port. As key drivers of seaborne trade, the ecozone locators can do so much to help balance the port container traffic distribution by shifting their CALABARZON-destined shipments to the BIP. With bigger TEU volumes and enhanced trade facilitation services at the BIP, we can be assured of more ship calls and freight cost savings to the benefit of our ecozone locators and all BIP users and stakeholders.

For any support or assistance you may need with you BIP shipments, you may contact:

- BIP-PEZA Customs Documentation Unit (PCDU) c/o Mr. Julius Briones, Enterprise Service Officer (tel. nos.: 043-7271511 loc. 141 and 0917-3077580); and
- ATI/MCC concerns c/o Mr. Jun Hermes M. Balita, ATI Manager for Government Liaison and Customer Service (tel. nos. 02-5286000 loc. 128 and 0917-8739399).

Thank you very much for your continued support to PEZA.