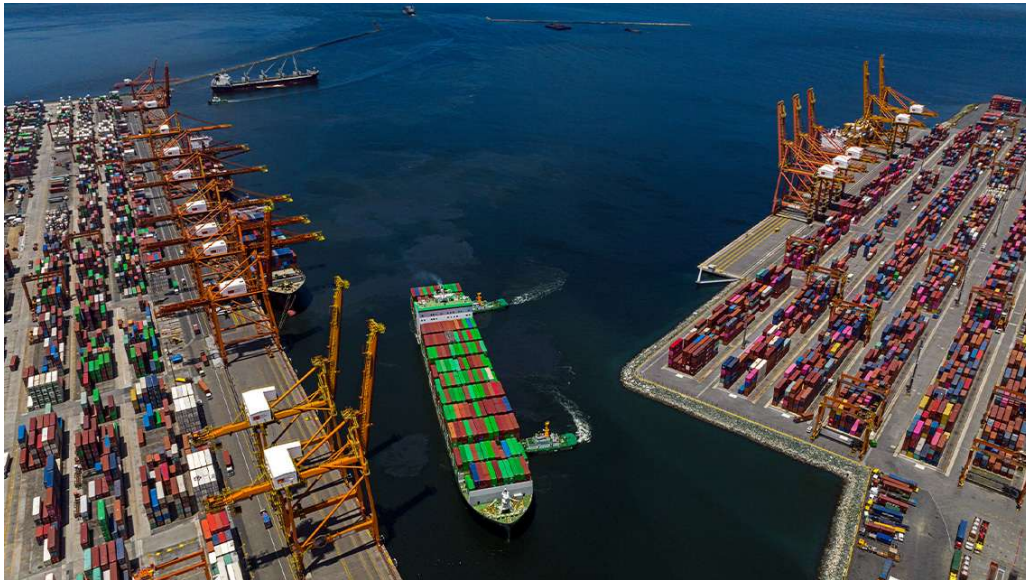


## PPA - Revised Free Storage Period for Containerized and Empty Containers

Dear Valued Customers,



We wish to inform you that the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) will be implementing revised rules governing the commencement of the free storage period and the assessment of storage charges for both containerized cargoes and empty containers across all government ports under its jurisdiction.

These changes are in accordance with **PPA Administrative Order No. 005-2025**, which will take effect starting **21 August 2025**. The updated guidelines aim to streamline port operations, promote efficient cargo handling, and ensure uniformity in the application of storage policies throughout PPA-managed facilities.

### Free Storage period for Containerized Cargoes and Empty Containers.

	FREE TIME PERIOD
IMPORT	5 Days equivalent to 120 hours
EXPORT	4 Days equivalent to 96 hours

	Previous Policy	New Policy (AO 005-2025)
<b>Import Containers</b>	FSP: 5 calendar days starting after full discharge of cargo from the vessel	FSP: 5 days = 120 hours, <b>starting from actual day and time of container discharge from the vessel</b>
	Charges start: 6th day at 0001h (or 0701h in Manila ports)	Charges start: After 120 hours; <b>storage charged per calendar day, fraction = 1 day</b>
<b>Export Containers</b>	FSP: 4 calendar days starting after cargo entry	FSP: <b>4 days = 96 hours</b> , starting from <b>actual day and time of gate-in</b>
	Charges start: Day after FSP ends	Charges start: After 96 hours; <b>storage charged per calendar day, fraction = 1 day</b>
<b>Foreign Transshipment</b>	FSP: 15 calendar days	FSP: <b>15 days = 360 hours</b> , starting from <b>actual day and time of discharge</b>
	Charges start: Day after FSP ends	Charges start: After 360 hours; <b>storage charged per calendar day, fraction = 1 day</b>
<b>Inbound Domestic</b>	FSP: 2 calendar days starting after cargo entry	FSP: <b>2 days = 48 hours</b> , starting from <b>actual day and time of discharge</b>
	Charges start: Day after FSP ends	Charges start: After 48 hours; <b>storage charged per calendar day, fraction = 1 day</b>
<b>Outbound Domestic</b>	FSP: 2 calendar days starting after cargo entry	FSP: <b>2 days = 48 hours</b> , starting from <b>actual day and time of gate-in</b>
	Charges start: Day after FSP ends	Charges start: After 48 hours; <b>storage charged per calendar day, fraction = 1 day</b>
<b>Shut-out Domestic</b>	FSP: 2 calendar days starting after cargo entry	FSP: <b>2 days = 48 hours</b> , starting from <b>actual day and time of gate-in</b>
	Charges start: Day after FSP ends	Charges start: After 48 hours; <b>storage charged per calendar day, fraction = 1 day</b>

- FSP now starts at the exact time of cargo movement (discharge or gate-in), not the next day.
- "Day" in AO 005-2025 is defined as 24 hours, starting from the exact time of discharge or gate-in.
- Storage charges are assessed immediately after the FSP ends, based on hours rather than calendar days.
- Fraction of a day (e.g., 1 hour past FSP) is counted as one full day for billing.
- Real-time monitoring via PPA's iPorts system is being implemented for accuracy

Please refer to the attached PPA Administrative Order No. 005-2025 for more details.

Thank you for your continued support.

[PPA's new free storage policy requires earlier payment of storage charges - PortCalls Asia](#)

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