



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)

REGIONAL STATISTICS COMMITTEE

RSC Resolution No. IV-A-22-2022

“REQUESTING THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY PORT MANAGEMENT OFFICES IN BATANGAS AND MARINDUQUE-QUEZON TO PROVIDE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY ACCESS TO THEIR PASSENGERS AND COASTWISE MANIFESTS AND OTHER DOMESTIC TRADE DATA IN ADHERENCE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL”

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 states that one of the functions of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is to collect, compile, analyze, abstract and publish statistical information relating to the country's economic, social, demographic, political affairs and general activities and condition of the people;

WHEREAS, PSA compiles Domestic Trade Statistics that contains data on commodities carried through air, rail, and water transport systems in the country to enable policy-makers to monitor domestic trade and identify the growth areas in the country;

WHEREAS, PSA Provincial Offices collects data from Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) on: a) movement of commodities by port of origin and port of destination; and b) Coastwise Trade Statistics or the compilation of data on commodities carried through the water transport system;

WHEREAS, collection of the Domestic Trade Statistics was halted at the PPA - Port Management Office Batangas as it demands a Memorandum of Agreement before the release of the documents to PSA field personnel;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 02, series of 2016 or the Freedom of Information Bill requires all government offices under the Executive Branch, including but not limited to the national government and all its offices, department, bureaus, offices, and instrumentalities, government-owned and controlled corporations, and state universities and colleges, to provide access to information, official records, public records and to documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to request the Philippine Ports Authority-Port Management Offices of Batangas, Marinduque-Quezon to provide Philippine Statistics Authority access to their passengers and coastwise manifests and other domestic trade data in adherence to Freedom of Information Bill.”

SIGNED, this 4th day of November 2022 via video conference.

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