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- The newly accredited groups are DNV AS Philippine Branch; RINA Classification and Certification Philippines Inc.; Lloyd's Register Asia; and KR Manila Representative Office
- Their certificates of accreditation are valid until April 2027
- The accreditation came after a moratorium on such accreditations lapsed

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The four joint International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) members Bureau Veritas SA, American Bureau of Shipping, and Class NK, accredited under MCMS-2020-01 in 2021.

The accreditation of the four local classification societies follows the lifting of a moratorium on such groups from February 9 to May 10, 2022 under MARINA Advisory No. 2022-09.

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# BOC launches UNESCAP report on PH cross-border trade readiness

- The Bureau of Customs launches UNESCAP report assessing the country's cross-border paperless trade readiness
- The report described progress of the Philippines' cross-border paperless trade implementation as "trending in the right direction"
- But execution of cross-border paperless trade measures remains uneven among agencies and stakeholders, it said
- Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero said the report reinforces benefits of having an operational single window system as a prerequisite in accelerating digital connectivity within the region

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC) has officially released the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) report assessing the country's readiness for cross-border paperless trade, including the conduct of international trade based on electronic data and documents.

The report entitled "Readiness Assessment for Cross-Border Paperless Trade: The Philippines", co-published by UNESCAP and BOC in March, seeks to contribute to the government's push



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to towards cross-border paperless trade between the country and its Asia Pacific neighbors.

"With its exclusive focus on paperless trade, we believe that the readiness report will support the paradigm shift in the way

cross-border paperless trade transactions are carried out, and how trade-related Turn to page 12

# CEVA Logistics inaugurates 14,000sqm Taguig warehouse

- CEVA Logistics inaugurates 14,000-square-meter warehouse in Taguig City
- The property boasts a full suite of warehousing and logistics services for customers across a range of industries, including electronics and food & beverage
- The Ruhale facility was designed to meet future regional capacity needs and warehouse innovations

CEVA Logistics inaugurated a 14,000-square-meter warehouse in Taguig City.

The Ruhale warehouse has a full suite of warehousing and logistics services for customers across a range of industries, including electronics and food & beverage,

the Marseille-based third-party logistics service provider said in a statement.

Diageo, one of the world's largest alcoholic beverage producers, is one of the warehouse's first clients. CEVA will manage full distribution center operations for Diageo's range of products, including a temperature-controlled section for domestic distribution throughout the Philippines.

The facility features ambient, temperature-controlled and dangerous goods storage, 13 loading bays, floor staging and an optimized shelving configuration that can accommodate up to 16,000 pallet positions.

Currently employing around 50 people, the warehouse offers customers a full range of warehousing, distribution and value-added services, including picking

and packing, labelling, bundling, re-work, tax stamping and digital bottle printing.

The CEVA team can also manage return and reverse logistics and integrated B2B (business-to-business) and B2C (business-to-consumer) omni-channel operations.


CEVA said the site was chosen based on its proximity to Manila's city center, as well as easy access to major transportation hubs, including Manila's international and domestic airports and seaports, and to major highways for ground transport options.

In addition to meeting expected regional capacity needs, the Ruhale warehouse was built with an eye on the future in terms of adopting warehouse innovations, Ceva said.


Employing state-of-art technology to improve both employee health and safety and risk management, the warehouse incorporates best practices in waste management and energy conservation to mitigate the facility's carbon footprint and environmental impact.

To optimize productivity, digital lean dashboards have been implemented. Planned future enhancements include the use of wearable device scanners, drones for stock-taking and cleaning robots for facility maintenance.

Elaine Low, CEVA Logistics managing director of Southeast Asia and Pacific, said, she is confident the investment "will be the start of many more successful ventures as we continue to support customers' supply chains with responsive logistics solutions."



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# BOC exceeds May collection target by 20.8%

- BOC exceeds May collection target by 20.8%
- The Bureau of Customs took in P68.245 billion in May, surpassing its P56.478-billion monthly target by 20.8%
- This is the fifth straight month this year the agency has surpassed its monthly target
- 15 of the 17 collection districts exceeded their May revenue goal
- From January to date, BOC has collected P322.472 billion, or 47.5% of the 2022 annual target collection of P679.226 billion

THE Bureau of Customs (BOC) has collected P68.245 billion in May, surpassing by 20.8% its P56.478 billion target for the month.

Based on the preliminary report from BOC's Financial Service, 15 of the 17 collection districts exceeded their May target: Aparri, Batangas, Cagayan De Oro, Cebu, Clark, Davao, Iloilo, Legazpi, Limay, Manila, Manila International Container

Port, San Fernando, Subic, Tacloban, and Zamboanga.

This is the fifth straight month this year that the agency has surpassed its monthly revenue collection target.

From January to date, BOC has collected P322.472 billion, reflecting 47.5% of the 2022 annual target collection of P679.226 billion.

BOC attributes its positive collection performance to improved valuation, intensified collection efforts, measures preventing revenue leakage, and the recovering economy of the country.

For 2022, the agency's annual target is P679.226 billion, 10.1% higher than the P616.749 billion target for 2021 and 5.1% up from the P645.765 billion actual collection last year. Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero

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earlier said BOC has also set a higher internal target of P699 billion as they are also required to collect additional revenues for value-added tax refund.

# PH manufacturing down slightly in May but still in expansion mode

- PH manufacturing down slightly in May but still in expansion mode
- The S&P Global Manufacturing PMI fell fractionally from 54.3 in April to 54.1 in May but hinted at further expansion across the manufacturing sector
- The sector sustained growth in operating conditions during May 2022, signaling a workforce rise for the first time since February 2020
- Production volumes and intakes of new orders grew at solid rates
- Global uncertainty stemming from the Russia-Ukraine war and stringent COVID-19 lock-

downs in China continued to weigh on output expectations at manufacturing firms in the Philippines

THE Philippine manufacturing sector fell fractionally in May but still hinted at further expansion, according to the latest survey of S&P Global.

The S&P Global Philippines Manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index) in May was at 54.1 from 54.3 in April.

Growth in operating conditions was sustained, signaling a workforce rise for the first time since February 2020.

May was the fourth successive month where the headline figure stayed above the 50.0 no-change mark that separates

growth from contraction, S&P Global said.

Production volumes and intakes of new orders grew at solid rates. Despite rates of expansion softening slightly from April, they were the second fastest since November 2018, respectively.

In contrast, foreign demand for Filipino goods contracted for the third month running. The downturn was solid and quickened from the preceding survey period.

While rates of inflation slowed, both average cost burdens and output charges rose markedly during May.

Exacerbating increases in expenses, May data also signaled a further deterioration in vendor performance, as lead times lengthened to a greater extent than in

April.

Anecdotal evidence highlighted that ongoing pandemic-related restrictions in China led to dampened demand and shipment delays, S&P Global said.

### Global uncertainty

Meanwhile, global uncertainty stemming from the Russia-Ukraine war and the stringent COVID-19 lockdowns in China, continued to weigh on output expectations at manufacturing firms in the Philippines.

The ongoing COVID-19 recovery and the relaxation of pandemic restrictions in the Philippines improved domestic demand conditions, according to the survey panelists. Thus, manufacturing firms increased their purchasing of pre-production inputs at a sharp rate.

Additionally, survey panelists remained keen to build stocks as they anticipated higher sales in the coming months. As a result, holdings of raw materials and semi-finished items rose for the ninth month running. At the same time, post-production inventories grew at the strongest rate since December 2016.

Workforce numbers increased for the first time since February 2020, and at a moderate pace.

"As pandemic restrictions ease, strong demand conditions resulted in firms increasing hiring activity for the first time since early-2020," S&P Global economist Maryam Baluch said.

As a result, business confidence softened in May. That said, firms remained upbeat amid hopes of a further expansion in production and greater client demand in the coming 12 months, Baluch said.

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# SEAOil breaks ground on P740M bulk terminal in Zamboanga

- SEAOIL has broken ground for a P740-million bulk terminal in Zamboanga Economic Zone
- The depot project is designed to handle 18 million liters of petroleum and can receive direct importation
- The investment widens SEAOIL's lead in Mindanao in storage capacity and capability to directly import petroleum products
- The project is the fuel company's first business venture in an ecozone
- The terminal and jetty development should be completed next year with operations to begin in the fourth quarter

agreement with the ecozone authority to create development projects and activities for terminal and jetty operations.

The total leased area is 2.12 hectares, with an option for further expansion. The terminal and jetty development is set to be completed by 2023, and operations are projected to begin in the fourth quarter of the same year.

Stephen L. Yu, SEAOIL president for commercial business and chief operating officer, said, "This partnership with ZFA is much more than a business decision for us at SEAOIL. By opening a terminal here in Zamboanga City, we can make our quality products more accessible to retail customers and commercial industries in the area."

"The construction and operation of the facility will also provide more jobs and create more economic activities in the local community," he added. The joint effort brings over 300 jobs in construction and operations, 90% of which will come from the local communities of Zamboanga City.

For his part, ZFA chairman and administrator Raul M. Regondola said the people welcome the project as it is "an excellent opportunity to

SEAOIL is investing nearly P740 million to build a bulk terminal in Zamboanga Economic Zone.

The depot project, which broke ground on May 25, is designed to handle 18 million liters and can receive direct importation, the independent fuel company said in a statement.

SEAOIL said the project, in partnership with the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone Authority and Freeport (ZFA), widens the company's lead in Mindanao in terms of storage capacity and capability to directly import petroleum products. It also marks the fuel company's first business venture in an ecozone.

The project is covered by a 50-year

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# Duterte extends cut in rice, meat import duties

- Executive Order No. 171 also reduced tariffs on imported corn and coal until December 31
- The duties were reduced to stabilize the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war and to augment supply of the commodities in the local market

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte extended until December 31, 2022 the temporary cut in rice and meat import duties. At the same time, tariffs on imported corn and coal were reduced until December 31.

Executive Order No. 171, series of 2022, signed on May 21 and released on May 26, covers articles entered into or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption.

EO 171 said there is a need to reduce tariffs on imported coal and corn to mitigate and stabilize the impact of inflationary pressures brought about by the Russia-Ukraine war by expanding supply sources and reduce the prices of key commodities.

It noted the Russia-Ukraine crisis has economic and trade implications for the

country, as both countries account for 30% of global exports of wheat, 20% of corn, mineral fertilizers, and natural gas; and 11% for oil.

The increase in global prices of corn, fertilizers, and oil products generated a corresponding sharp increase in domestic prices of basic commodities and energy.

Coal is an important raw material in the power generation while corn is used as a raw material for producing animal feeds, food products, and other industrial products.

The extension of the reduced import duties on pork and rice, meanwhile, aims "to capitalize on the gains already achieved" by EOs 134 and 135, all for the purpose of augmenting the supply of these commodities in the country and maintain lower prices.

EO 134, issued in May 2021 and was effective until May 17, 2022, temporarily modified the most-favored nation (MFN) tariff on imported fresh, chilled, or frozen swine meat. EO 134 was issued to address the African Swine Fever outbreak's impact on pork meat supply and prices in the Philippines.

EO 135, also issued in May last year to augment rice supply, temporarily reduced the MFN tariff on imported rice until June 1, 2022.

EO 171 noted that the National Economic and Development Authority Board last May 6 endorsed the temporary modification of the MFN rates on corn and coal, as well as the extension of rates under EOs 134 and 135.

For pork meat, in-quota MFN rate of duty is 15% while out-quota is 25%. For rice, in-quota and out-quota MFN duties are both 35%.

For corn, the in-quota MFN rate of duty is 5% and, for out-quota, 15%. For coal, the MFN rate is 0%.

Starting January 2023, the rates of duty will return to 30% (in-quota) and 40% (out-quota) for pork, 40% (in quota) and 50% (out-quota) for rice; 35% (in-quota) and 50% (out-quota) for corn; and 1% and 7% for coal, depending on the type.


EO 171 takes effect 15 days after its publication on the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation. — *Roumina Pablo*

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pump more economic activity into the city."

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SITC INCHON	2217N	11-Jun	13-Jun	15-Jun	17-Jun	20-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	26-Jun	
SITC PYEONGTAEK	2218N	CANCELLED VOYAGE								

(CARGO): BATANGAS: THU 2359H | DOCS: THU 1700H SAT SAILING | (CARGO): MNN: FRI 1700H MON SAILING

CMI SERVICE (BATANGAS - SHANGHAI - XIAMEN - SHEKOU - NANSHA - HO CHI MINH - JAKARTA - SEMARANG - MAKASSAR)												
MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD BTG	ETA SHA	ETA NBO	ETA XIA	ETA SHE	ETA NAN	ETA JKT	ETA SEM	ETA SUR	ETA MAK	
SITC DECHENG	2213N	11-Jun	15-Jun	17-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	22-Jun	28-Jun	30-Jun	2-Jul	4-Jul	
SITC ULSAN	2213N	18-Jun	22-Jun	24-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	29-Jun	5-Jul	7-Jul	9-Jul	11-Jul	

LCT (CARGO): BATANGAS/THU 2359H/PRE-ADVISED/ED/ARRASTRE/FSI: THU 1700H (SAT SAILING)

CPX1 SERVICE (MNL SH - BATANGAS - CEBU - CAGAYAN - DAVAO - DALIAN - TIANJIN - QINGDAO - SHANGHAI)												
MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL SH	ETD BTG	ETA CEB	ETA DICT	ETA CDO	ETA SHA	ETA DLG	ETA TNG	ETA TAO	ETA SHA	ETA NBO
SITC CAGAYAN	2213N	13-Jun	14-Jun	SKIP	SKIP	SKIP	27-Jun	29-Jun	1-Jul	3-Jul	SKIP	
SITC MAKASSAR	2213N	20-Jun	21-Jun	23-Jun	27-Jun	29-Jun	2-Jul	4-Jul	6-Jul	8-Jul	10-Jul	SKIP

LCT (CARGO): MNL SH/THU 1200H (SAT SAILING) \* BATANGAS/SAT 0600H (MON SAILING) \* CEB/SUN 0600H(TUE SAILING)

CPX6 SERVICE (MNL NH-MNL SH-DAVAO (SASA)-DAVAO (DICT)-GEN SAN-SHANGHAI-QINGDAO)												
MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD SUBIC	ETA MNL(NH)	ETA MNL SH	ETA CDO	ETA GEN	ETA DVO	ETA SHA	ETA QIN	ETA WEN	ETA XMN	
SITC PENANG	2217N	SKIP	15-Jun	SKIP		SKIP	SKIP	25-Jun	27-Jun	30-Jun	1-Jul	
SITC PORT KLANG	2217N	19-Jun	22-Jun	SKIP		25-Jun	27-Jun	2-Jul	4-Jul	7-Jul	8-Jul	

LCT (CARGO): SASA-FRI 1900H (SUN SAILING) / DICT-SAT 1200H (MON SAILING) / GEN SAN-SUN 2400H (TUE SAILING)

CPS SERVICE (MNL NH - MNL SH - XIAMEN - SHANGHAI - NINGBO)					
MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL(NH)	ETA MNL(SH)	ETA SHA	ETA NBO
ZHONG WAI YUN XIN GANG	2211N	10-Jun	11-Jun	15-Jun	18-Jun
G. ACE	2212N	17-Jun	18-Jun	22-Jun	25-Jun

LCT (CARGO): MNL NH/THU 1200H (FRI SAILING) \* MNL SH/FRI 1200H (SAT SAILING)

CPX5 SERVICE (MANILA NH - QUANZHOU (SHIHU)-QUANZHOU (WEITOU) - XIAMEN)							
MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL NH	ETA MNL SH	ETA SHE	ETA SHI	ETA WEI	ETA XMN
SITC TOKYO	2232N	8-Jun			10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun
SITC TOKYO	2234N	15-Jun			17-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun

LCT (CARGO): MNL NH/MON 2359H (WED SAILING)

CPX3 SERVICE (MNL NH - MNL SH - QUANZHOU (SHIHU) - QUANZHOU (WEITOU) - XIAMEN)					
MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL NH	ETA MNL SH	ETA SHA	ETA SHI
FORTUNE NAVIGATOR	2219N	9-Jun		11-Jun	13-Jun
FORTUNE NAVIGATOR	2221N	16-Jun		18-Jun	20-Jun

LCT (CARGO): MNL NH/TUE 1700H (WED SAILING) MNL SH/FRI 1700H

NEW SERVICE EPX1 SERVICE (MNL SH - XIAMEN)			
MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETA MNL(SH)	ETA XMN
PHUC THAI	2230N	CANCELLED VOYAGE	
PHUC THAI	2232N	15-Jun	18-Jun

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# ALLHC to develop Batangas Technopark

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- A newly acquired 55-hectare land in Padre Garcia, Batangas is set to be developed by AyalaLand Logistics Holdings Corp. as future site of Batangas Technopark
- Batangas Technopark will host light and medium, non-polluting industries
- It will also house ready-built facilities and cold storage facilities
- Batangas Technopark will be the second property of ALLHC in Batangas following the ac-

quisition of an existing facility in Sto. Tomas

AYALALAND Logistics Holdings Corp. (ALLHC) has acquired 55 hectares of land in Padre Garcia, Batangas, which it will develop into the future Batangas Technopark.

Similar to ALLHC's four existing technoparks in Laguna, Cavite, Laguindingan in Misamis Oriental, and Pampanga, the soon-to-rise Batangas Technopark is intended to host light and medium, non-polluting industries from both the local and global markets.

It will also house ready-built facilities

and cold storage facilities that will operate under ALLHC's Alogis and Alogis Artico brands, respectively.

"We are looking forward to further energizing the municipality of Padre Garcia by bringing more employment opportunities for the communities in the province of Batangas and nearby localities," ALLHC chief operating officer Patrick Avila said.

"The acquisition is a strategic move that furthers ALLHC's goal of building a national footprint by increasing its presence in key areas nationwide," Avila added.

ALLHC earlier announced it was set on building its national footprint

by growing its warehouse gross leasable area (GLA) to 500,000 square meters, establishing its presence in 10 key locations across the country and creating new business platforms by the year 2025.

The property is in a prime location for the development of an industrial estate by ALLHC. Its main access is the Tiaong-Lipa road and can be reached from Manila via the Southern Luzon Expressway (SLEX), continuing onto the Southern Tagalog Arterial Road and on local roads.

It will also be accessible via the 66.74-kilometer SLEX Toll Road 4 and the 11.37-kilometer Lipa-Padre Garcia

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## Applications of Artificial Intelligence in the Freight Forwarding Industry

By AMIT MAHESHWARI, CEO, Softlink Global



### IT IN LOGISTICS

AS the world is overcoming pandemic-induced disruptions and seeing increased trade flow, the freight and logistics industry is facing challenges like never before. So to meet the evolved customer expectations and the pressure of implementing advanced technologies they need to focus on strengthening their supply chain and logistics capacity. At this point, leveraging AI (Artificial Intelligence) successfully can help maximize efficiency in freight and logistics operations.

According to research by McKinsey, the successful implementation of AI has helped businesses improve logistics costs by 15%, inventory levels by 35%, and service levels by 65%. In another study by the same organization, it is said that logistics companies will generate \$1.3-\$2 trillion per year for the next 20 years in economic value by adopting AI into their processes.

The prevailing challenges of traditional forwarders like human error in operations, revenue leakages, shortage in cash flow, lack of shipment visibility, demand and supply mismatch, and

reduced profit margins can be controlled by implementing a cloud-based freight forwarding solution. Over the past few years, the emergence of digitalization has transformed the operational landscape of the global freight and transportation industry scenario and AI has been a game-changer.

Moreover, AI-powered freight solutions backed by other latest technologies like the Internet of Things (IoT) and Big Data analytics can help the freight industry to utilize data to its full potential.

The benefits of AI-powered logistics and freight systems are numerous and this powerful technology offers to automate and simplify warehouse operations, vehicle automation, predictive analytics, and smart infrastructure, thus helping companies save both time and money.

Here are the top applications of AI in the logistics and freight industry and how they are impacting logistics operations.

#### AI unlocks Big Data's true potential

Today the world is utilizing more data than ever before to enhance predictive analytics and data-driven insights to improve performance, better decision making, and gain a competitive advantage. Artificial intelligence enables freight operators to

use real-time data in their forecasting and decision-making processes related to demand planning, risk assessment, resource planning, route optimization, and freight operations management in a much more effective way.

#### Better Customer Experience

Using an AI-powered logistics and freight solution enables customer segmentation according to their buying behavior, preference, interest, timing, etc. Also, with big data driven by AI, freight forwarders are in a better position to predict and forecast customers' behavior even before they arise. The predictive trends can give a better understanding of the purchasing behavior of the shippers and carriers that help freight forwarders customize their offerings.

#### Real-time decision making

In the freight and logistics industry, route optimization, finding the best carriers and transporter at the optimal cost is a huge task and is time-consuming. But with the help of AI, freight forwarders can sweep through thousands of datasets and suggest the best possible route with the best carrier at the best cost. With AI, freight management is expected to become a lot easier as it provides the data to keep track of road traffic, reduce fuel consumption, avoid traffic congestion, analyze existing routing, and shortest route optimization algorithms, and thus save cost.

#### Automate back-office operations

In the freight forwarding and logistics business, documentations and back-office operations play a crucial role and many a times processing the repetitive task causes human errors.

AI plays a huge role in document automation by automating data entry, removing repetitive tasks, and error reconciliation to improve the efficiency, speed, and accuracy of many back-office operations. Moreover, cognitive automation which brings together robotic process automation and AI, enables employees to improve their performance by increasing productivity and accuracy.

#### Sales and Marketing optimization

AI can improve various aspects of sales and marketing with analytics, chatbots, predictive sales analytics, forecasting demand, content optimization, and many more.

To conclude, artificial intelligence in conjunction with other digital technologies such as the Internet of Things and Big Data analytics is going to be imperative for the logistics and freight industry and bring transformation in the near future. However, with the unforeseen changes in the industry taking place, the readiness and adaptability of freight forwarders for an AI-based freight technology will determine how well they are dealing with the challenges.

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## Cebu Pacific adds more int'l flights as curbs ease

- Cebu Pacific adds more int'l flights as curbs ease
- The airline will ramp up services to Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh, Nagoya, Osaka, Seoul, Singapore
- Flights to Nagoya from Manila will be increased to five times weekly from four starting June 29
- There will be two Manila-Singapore flights from July 1

CEBU Pacific said it will add more international flights to eight Asian cities beginning this month as governments continue to relax COVID-19 restrictions for travellers.

The additional flights were announced

a week after the Inter Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) said fully vaccinated individuals who have received at least one booster shot need not present pre-departure COVID 19 test results to enter the Philippines.

"We are happy to continuously see green shoots related to international travel as more countries open their borders, while others such as Bangkok, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam completely dropped pre-departure COVID 19 tests for fully vaccinated individuals," said Xander Lao, Cebu Pacific chief commercial officer in a statement.

"We laud the IATF-EID for further simplifying travel requirements for travelers coming into the country. This

directive makes it more convenient and more affordable for boosted travelers, both Filipinos and foreigners alike, to come home or rediscover the Philippines," added Lao.

The carrier said starting June 1, it will operate up to:

- five times weekly flights from Manila to Bangkok
- three times weekly to Kuala Lumpur
- twice weekly to Hanoi
- four times weekly to Ho Chi Minh
- three (3) times weekly to Osaka

Daily flights to Seoul (Incheon) from Manila will be on offer.

The carrier will increase its flights to Nagoya to five times weekly starting June 29. It currently flies four times weekly from

Manila to the Japanese city.

It also intends to double its Manila-Singapore frequency to twice daily flights from July 1. Flight 5J 813 departs Manila at 5:35 am, while flight 5J 803 departs at 8:30 pm.

Apart from these, the airline is set to resume its three times weekly flights to Sydney, Australia in July.

Cebu Pacific's first international flight from its Cebu hub in Mactan to Seoul (Incheon) will resume by July 3, operating twice weekly every Sunday and Tuesday.

"As we anticipate demand to pick up, we will continue to boost our flight frequencies to enable our passengers to fly easy across our network – whether for a vacation or simply to visit family and friends, after such a long time," Lao said.

## PPA formally turns over Masao port to CASCOR

- The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Port Management Office of Agusan formally turned over on June 2 the management of Masao port to Concord Arrastre and Stevedoring Corp.
- CASCOR won the 15-year contract with a proposed concession fee of P687.365 million

THE Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Port Management Office of Agusan offi-

cially turned over on June 2 the terminal management of Masao port in Agusan Del Norte to Concord Arrastre and Stevedoring Corp. (CASCOR).

The turnover follows PPA's award of the 15-year port terminal management contract to CASCOR, which won the contract bid with a proposed concession fee of P687.365 million. The bidding was conducted pursuant to PPA's Port Terminal Management Regulatory Framework (PTMRF), which outlines new rules for

terminal management contracts.

PPA's Bid and Awards Committee in a resolution on March 28 recommended the award of the contract to CASCOR, which bested two other companies' proposals during the opening of bids on March 14.

Prior to the bidding under the PTMRF, CASCOR has been the cargo-handling operator of Masao port, as well as all state owned-ports in Butuan City.

Masao port handled 210,662 metric tons of domestic cargoes in 2021, up from

149,615 MT in 2020.

The contract covers the management and operation of the cargo-handling, passenger, roll-on/roll-off (RoRo), and other port-related services at the ports. The projects involve stevedoring services, Ro-Ro cargo services, bagging services, container terminal management, passenger terminal management, portage services, storage management, waste and shore reception facility management, water distribution services, and ancillary and other related services.

## MARINA accredits 4 local classification...

after the effectivity of MC MS-2020-01 lapsed on October 16, 2021.

MC MS-2020-01, issued in October 2020, contains revised rules on accrediting classification societies and entities for the purpose of classification of ships in the domestic trade. The circular aims to enhance accreditation of local classification societies and monitor their performance to ensure the safe operation of domestic ships.

Moreover, under MA 2021-35, mem-

bers of IACS who wish to engage in the classification of ships involved in domestic trade were also required to secure accreditation under MC MS-2020-01.

During MC MS-2020-01's one-year period of implementation until October 16, 2021, no local classification society was able to secure accreditation, while only three IACS members were accredited.

In a January 14, 2022 letter, the Philippine Liner Shipping Association requested MARINA to lift the moratorium.

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Philippine Inter-island Shipping Association executive director Pedro Aguilar told *PortCalls* the moratorium lifting is important because classification is required by carriers' protective and indemnity (P&I) coverage clubs, or by some clients such as petroleum companies.

Many domestic shipping vessels, particularly old ones, are accredited by local classification societies.

Aguilar said shipping lines can either transfer from a local classification to an

international classification, but this may be difficult and costly, especially for old vessels.

Or they could undergo an additional ship survey by MARINA to get a Ship Survey Certificate (SSC), as advised by MA 2021-62.

Aguilar noted, however, that MARINA will have to issue a memo or advisory stating that the SSC is equivalent to a local classification so that the shipping lines' P&I coverage clubs and clients requiring classification will honor the SSC. – *Roumina Pablo*











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## BOC launches UNESCAP report...

operations are modernized, standardized, and harmonized," Customs commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero said in a speech during the virtual launch on June 2.

The BOC chief said the report reinforces benefits of having an operational single window system as a prerequisite in accelerating digital connectivity within the region.

Guerrero added that the assessment provided BOC with full visibility of areas in the supply chain often overlooked such as role dynamics and process mandates of border regulatory agencies that affect their ability to cooperate properly in cross-border paperless trade.

According to the report, the Philippines has demonstrated "strong political will" and made "significant progress in implementing trade facilitation" and paperless trade but more remains to be done to further enhance trade efficiency in the country.

While the Philippines' trade facilitation implementation level is now significantly above the Asia-Pacific regional average, still, implementation of paperless trade and cross-border paperless trade measures in the Philippines remains "uneven" among agencies and stakeholders, the report noted.

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bypass road, both of which are under construction.

The future technopark is an hour's drive from Batangas port.

It will be the second property of ALLHC in Batangas following the acquisition of an existing 64,000 sqm ready-built facility and land in Sto. Tomas in February.

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It said the benefits from successful implementation of cross-border paperless trade are significant, with the potential to reduce trade costs by 13% across Asia and the Pacific region as well as increase regulatory compliance, reduce illicit financial flows, and facilitate engagement in the increasingly digital global economy.

Moreover, the report said paperless trade was recognized as an effective way to mitigate trade disruptions during the COVID-19 crisis, providing more seamless and resilient trade opportunities. In view of this, the report said BOC and other relevant agencies accelerated their efforts to enable paperless trade systems, also improving information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure to support it.

According to the UNESCAP report, the progress of the Philippines' implementation of cross-border paperless trade "is trending in the right direction."

It noted that the country also has a very high World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation rate of 94.1%, and scored 86.02% in the 2021 UN Global Survey on Digital and

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Sustainable Trade Facilitation, which was higher than the South-East Asia average of 74.29%.

The report pointed out, however, that while the Philippines' regional and subregional average rates are higher, cross-border paperless trade measures have low implementation rates. The country is also still working on achieving full implementation status for cross-border trade measures.

The Philippines has implemented several paperless trade systems with BOC as the focal agency for cross-border trade.

In particular, the report cited BOC's Electronic-to-Mobile (e2m) System, the Philippine National Single Window (NSW), TradeNet, and the World Bank-funded Philippine Customs Modernization Program as some of the agency's projects for paperless trade systems.

The implementation of the NSW and TradeNet, which was developed to become the new NSW, is expected to further advance paperless trade systems in the Philippines.

Several other government agencies have also established their own systems to facilitate information processing in completing trade transactions.

The Philippine Ports Authority has its own automation projects, such as Electronic Accreditation System, Electronic Permit Management System, and Internet-based Port Operations and Receipting for Terminals System.

The Maritime Industry Authority is also working on its Integrated Domestic Shipping Information System Shipping Information System, while the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines maintains electronic systems, but they are limited to air navigation and air traffic systems and equipment.



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