



News Release

Port Issues Cease and Desist to Shipyard

Notice of Violation also issued to Norton Lilly

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The Port Authority of Guam has issued a “Cease and Desist” letter to the Guam Shipyard notifying them that they are not to handle any commercial cargo operations as per Guam Code Annotated.

The letter sent on November 13, 2009 by Port General Manager Glenn A. Leon Guerrero cited 12 GCA, Chapter 10 of the Port Authority’s enabling legislation which explicitly identifies the Port Authority of Guam “as the only commercial seaport for ocean commerce, shipping, recreational and commercial boating, and navigation of the Territory of Guam,” according to the letter.

“You are hereby notified that any and all commercial cargo operations and like activities shall cease and desist immediately; unless expressly permitted and authorized by the Port Authority,” Leon Guerrero said in his letter to Guam Shipyard President/CEO Mathews Pothen. “Non-compliance will prompt the Port Authority to pursue restitution at the highest degree permissible by law, its rules and regulations and port terminal tariff; furthered by legal ramifications.”

The Port also issued a Notice of Violation to Norton Lilly International, Inc. which was the agent that handled the Watts cargo with the Guam Shipyard. The Harbor Master issued a \$2,500 violation to Norton Lilly since it was their first offense. The law allows for a fine of up to \$5,000.

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