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Port Authority of Guam Passes Coast Guard Inspection

Piti, Guam, April 9, 2024: The Port Authority of Guam announces that it has passed the U.S. Coast Guard's annual inspection with no discrepancies noted by the Safety Office, alongside certain action items identified for the security safety enhancements, only limited to more clear signage.

"We want to express our sincere gratitude to all of the Port's dedicated staff who worked tirelessly to prepare our facilities for the Coast Guard's rigorous inspection," said Rory J. Respicio, Port General Manager. "This demonstrates that our commitment to excellence is the foundation of our success, particularly highlighted by the flawless pass in our Safety Office's evaluation."

The inspection by the U.S. Coast Guard includes the security area inspection of the Port's Alternate Facility Security Officer, security measures and plans, training records, drills and exercises, Hazardous Waste and Emergency Response plans, signage, Facility Security Officer, TWIC security checks, CCTV, MARSEC and declaration of security. The U.S. Coast Guard also inspects the safety of the facility to include electrical, flammable storage, fire extinguishers, eye wash stations, beacon lights, drum lot, emergency exits, smoke detectors, escape routes, LC 1-5 generators, housekeeping, lighting, International Shore connection and the entire Terminal Yard.

"The Coast Guard's inspection ensures compliance with security and operational standards, and while the Port has met the overall requirements, we have been tasked with improving our signage for restricted areas," Respicio said.

The inspection report issued today specifies that all restricted areas must be clearly marked and indicate that unauthorized presence is a breach of security. The Coast Guard has pointed out that the Port's current signs do not sufficiently indicate that entering these areas without authorization constitutes a security breach.

"While we have passed the inspection, we recognize the importance of continual improvement," Respicio said. "We have already begun to address the feedback provided, starting with the improvement of our signage to ensure full compliance and enhanced security. Our commitment to security and operational excellence is unwavering, and we are dedicated to continuously improving our facilities and procedures to meet the highest standards."