



Port 'rest day' moved to Oct 5, as brokers, truckers give importers time to clear shipments

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Move follows an earlier September 23 forum where truckers and brokers urged the industry to join a nationwide transport strike over worsening port congestion

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In an advisory issued by Reynaldo T. Soliman, co-convenor of Customs Brokers, Truckers and Alliance and chairperson of the Practicing Customs Brokers Association of the Philippines Inc. (PCBAPI), organizers said the move to October 5 is meant to give the industry ample lead time to plan around the date, adjust operations, and make decisions on incoming shipments at Manila ports.

The group is urging all customs brokers, port truckers, and other affected sectors to mark October 5 on their calendars and to encourage importers to voluntarily join by instructing their brokers and truckers to observe what the group described as a "legit and legal call." Organizers also asked members to notify the Philippine-based agents' principals — the foreign shipping lines — that a lack of container yard-depot space in the Philippines has caused empty container congestion, which they say is hampering the smooth flow of trade.