

## **Containerization of the Manila Port Area**

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### **Abstract**

The Philippines, being an archipelagic country, relies greatly on shipping to move basic goods from the inner districts to the shore for marketing and trade. Maritime international trade was focused on neighboring countries such as Singapore and China. The north and south harbors of the port area now serves as a node for human transport and domestic and international trade. However, with the process of globalization, the need for containerization increases its vital contribution to the country's international trade. This paper analyzes the container port development of the Manila Port Area. It examines the impacts of containerization to ships, shipping industry and the port area, respectively. Containerization for international trade is controlled by the existing global economy, the policies a state implement regarding the flow of trade and the individual players who invest in the port area. This paper will examine the impact of containerization in the global, national and local levels. The International Container Terminal Services, Inc and Asian Terminals, Inc., chief operators of the South Harbor and Manila International Container Terminal, respectively, will be used as an example in analyzing the impact of containerization in the local level.

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