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## Pier Superintendent's Permit Revoked for Violation of the Waterfront Commission Act

July 19, 2010

By Commission Order dated July 19, 2010, the temporary Pier Superintendent permit of Anthony Furina Sr. was revoked and his application for permanent licensing was denied. Furina violated the Waterfront Commission Act by acting as a longshoreman and moving waterborne freight without being so licensed by the Commission.

On March 20, 2009, Furina was observed by Commission Detectives driving two trucks onto the ship *Asian Trust* at Pier 1402 in Bayonne, New Jersey. Furina was charged with violating the Waterfront Commission Act.

After a four day hearing the Administrative Law Judge determined that Furina clearly violated the Act when he moved waterborne freight onto a ship. Testimony established that this was not an isolated occurrence and that Furina had previously driven heavy equipment onto ships. Evidence was adduced at the hearing that Furina had previously surrendered his "Special Craft" registration for acting beyond the scope of that registration. The Administrative Law Judge found that there were qualified longshoremen available to load the trucks and there was no reason presented justifying Furinas actions.

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The Administrative Law Judge concluded that Furina lacked the good character and integrity required for a pier superintendent's license and that in essence he had established his own "fiefdom" on the pier in deciding who drove trucks onto the ships. As such the Administrative Law Judge recommended that Furina's application for a pier superintendent license be denied and that his temporary permit be revoked.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed.