

Department of Migrant Workers

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me: 10:40 A.M.

Office of the Secretary

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 0 6 Series of 2022

It is observed that the attached POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 3, was issued only on April 1, 2022, way beyond the date of effectivity of RA 11641, whose Section 12, second paragraph, provides that:

"Upon the creation of the Department, the POEA Governing Board, created under Executive Order No. 247, series of 1987, as amended, shall be renamed as the Advisory Board on Labor Migration and Development, and shall act as advisory body to the Secretary of the Department, with regard to issues on migration and development, including on the matters decided by the POEA Governing Board under Republic Act No. 8042, as amended, and other existing law. The Advisory Board on Labor Migration and Development shall be composed of the Secretary of Labor and Employment, and one (1) representatives each from the land-based OFWs, sea-based OFWs, and the private sector."

Considering that the issuance of GB Res # 3 was done when the Governing Board had already been re-constituted and renamed by the DMW Act as "Advisory Board on Labor Migration and Development" (ABOLMAD), I hereby deem the same as a submission of the ABOLMAD.

In view of the clear benefits to Balik-Manggagawa OFWs even as the safety of the general OFW population in Ethiopia is ensured, I HEREBY DECLARE AND ORDER THAT THE PROCESSING AND DEPLOYMENT SHALL NOW BE ALLOWED UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS, OF RETURNING FILIPINO WORKERS (BALIK-MANGGAGAWA) TO THE EIGHT (8) REGIONS AND INDEPENDENT CHARTERED CITIES OF ETHIOPIA, i.e.,

- 1. The independent Chartered City of Addis Ababa;
- 2. The independent Chartered City of Dire Dawa;
- 3. Oromia;
- 4. Somali;
- 5. Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' Region;
- 6. Gambella;
- 7. Harari; and
- 8. Southwest Ethiopia Peoples' Region:

This order allowing the processing and deployment of Balik-Manggagawas to the above-specified areas in Ethiopia is subject to the submission of the following documents recommended by the DFA:

- (a) valid Ethiopian residence visa and/or working permit;
- (b) valid employment contract;
- (c) OEC:
- (d) guarantee letter from employers on repatriation (to indicate options), medical assistance, and health insurance; and
- (e) guarantee from the employers, to be reflected in the employment contract or made as an addendum to the agreement, that Filipino workers will not be deployed to areas under Alert Level 4 (Tigray, Afaz, Amhara, and Benishangul-Gumuz).

Secretary

I ALSO HEREBY DECLARE AND ORDER THAT THE TOTAL DEPLOYMENT BAN SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL OTHERWISE ORDERED FOR ALL OFWS BOUND FOR AREAS IN ETHIOPIA UNDER ALERT LEVEL 4 (i.e., Tigray, Afaz, Amhara, and Benishangul-Gumuz).

DONE, in the City of Mandaluyong, Philippines, this 26th day of April 2022.

CONTROLLED AND DISSEMINATED
By DMW Central Records Division on: 02 May 2022