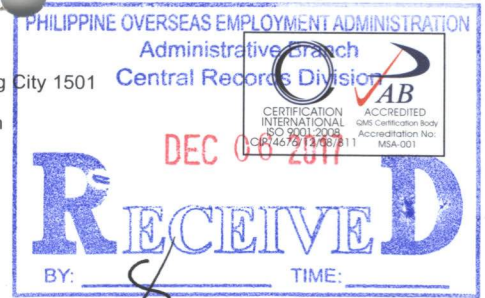




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Based on previously released issuances, this Administration hereby consolidates this list of restricted markets or countries where deployment of OFWs is prohibited, either totally or for particular skill categories as follows:

I. Unstable Peace and Order In the Country

COUNTRY	STATUS UPDATE	SKILL CATEGORY	BASIS
1. Asia			
Afghanistan	Totally restricted (Alert level 3) (with exemption from deployment ban)	All skills restricted	POEA GBR No. 21, S2014 dated 01 August 2014
2. Africa			
Somalia	Totally restricted	All skills restricted	POEA Advisory No. 07, S2005 dated 30 March 2005
South Sudan	Partial lifting of deployment ban (Alert Level 2)	Suspended processing for new hires. Returning workers allowed	POEA GBR No. 11, S2016 dated 30 June 2016
Sudan (except Khartoum and the Kenana Sugar Plantation in the White Nile)	Totally restricted	All skills restricted	POEA Advisory No. 07, S2005 dated 30 March 2005
Great Lakes Region (Rwanda and Burundi)	Totally restricted	All skills restricted	POEA Advisory No. 07, S2005 dated 30 March 2005
3. Middle East			
Iraq	Total deployment ban in Iraq (Alert Level 4) and restriction phase in Iraqi Kurdistan region (Alert Level 2)	All skills restricted for Iraq and new hires restricted for the Iraqi Kurdistan Region	POEA GBR No. 13, S2014 dated 23 June 2014
Libya	Partial lifting of deployment ban (Alert Level 2)	Suspended processing for new hires. Returning workers allowed	POEA GBR No. 16, S2016 dated 21 September 2016

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COUNTRY	STATUS UPDATE	SKILL CATEGORY	BASIS
Syria	Totally restricted (Alert level 4)	All skills restricted	POEA Advisory No. 14, S2014 dated 21 July 2014
Yemen	Total deployment ban (Alert Level 4)	All skills restricted	POEA GBR No. 03, S2015 dated 23 February 2015
4. Europe			
Chechnya Republic	Totally restricted	All skills restricted	POEA Advisory No. 02, S2013 dated 14 March 2013
Ukraine	Partial lifting of deployment (Alert level 2)	Suspended processing for new hires. Returning workers allowed	POEA GBR No. 03, S2014 dated 05 March 2014

II. Due to Economic Situation and Working Condition

1. Americas and Trust Territories

COUNTRY	STATUS UPDATE	SKILL CATEGORY	BASIS
Palau	Deployment ban for Household Service Worker (HSW)	Restricted for HSW	POEA Advisory No. 07, S2005 dated 30 March 2005

III. Countries Not Certified Compliant by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) 10022 where deployment is allowed only for employers operating for international organizations

1. Afghanistan
2. Chad
3. Cuba
4. Democratic People's Republic of Korea/North Korea
5. Haiti
6. Mali
7. Mauritania
8. Niger
9. Palestine
10. Somalia
11. Zimbabwe
12. South Sudan

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