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SUBJECT: REITERATION OF SECTION 209 OF THE 2016 REVISED POEA RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR LANDBASED OFWS IN RELATION TO EXCLUSION UPON ARRIVAL IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

The Bureau of Immigration reported that since the start of 2021, an increasing number of OFWs with valid Overseas Employment Certificates have been barred from entering the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Commonly, the OFWs' declaration to the Immigration upon their return are:

- Subject is "blacklisted" due to unfinished contract caused by travel restrictions during CoVid-19 pandemic, runaway employee, conflict with former employer in KSA, unknown grounds, etc.
- Per KSA Immigration, subject is holding two valid KSA work permits with different sponsors (possibly visa with former employer not yet cancelled).

Licensed recruitment agencies are hereby advised to report similar incidents within five (5) working days from occurrence via the Online Welfare Monitoring System (OWMS) pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 9, Series of 2019.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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