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## ADVISORY 39

In view that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Saturday, April 3, 2021, approved the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) to extend the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) classification of the National Capital Region (NCR), Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal for one (1) week starting April 5 until April 11, 2021, and taking into consideration the exponential rise in the number of Covid-19 positive cases in NCR Plus, and to give the Adjudication Office sufficient time to prepare for the implementation of videoconferencing as alternative conduct of hearing, all scheduled hearings for the month of April 2021 at the Adjudication Office are suspended until further notice.

The Overseas Employment Adjudicators shall continue to draft Orders in their respective residences during the community quarantine and should forward the same for review of the appropriate officers.

The reglementary period for filing of answers and appeals shall be interrupted reckoned from March 29, 2021, and shall begin to run for its remaining period when the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) is lifted. It is recommended that the applicable law, jurisprudence and rule on suspension of the running of the reglementary period is to be considered in resolving the timeliness of the filing of an answer, appeal or other pleadings.

Affirmation of Affidavit of Desistance/Recantation/Withdrawal by the party/ies shall be made only after a confirmed appointment with the Branch concerned.

Service of Writs of Execution and other related processes shall also be suspended for the duration of the extended ECQ.

However, in order not to hamper the smooth delivery of services at the said office, the skeletal workforce shall still be maintained in all three branches. Follow-up/queries or appointment shall be made thru phone call or via electronic mail.

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