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**Movement of Seafarers in Areas under Alert Level 4**

The Administration would like to reiterate its previous directives to all deploying licensed recruitment and manning agencies to report and conduct proper coordination with our office and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) to facilitate the immediate and safe repatriation of OFWs from areas under Crisis Alert Level 4.

Further, notwithstanding the existing no embarkation, no disembarkation, no shore leave, and no crew change policy as provided under POEA Advisory No. 03, Series of 2018, ship owners, and manning agencies are advised to coordinate and facilitate the disembarkation of their seafarers as part of the mandatory evacuation efforts of the government in areas under Crisis Alert Level 4.

Likewise, the disembarkation of seafarers by reason of the mandatory evacuation should not be construed as abandonment of employment or desertion. Section 159 of the POEA Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Seafarers clearly states that war, plague, or other calamities and other dangerous situations at the worksite, as determined by the POEA Governing Board, are considered as exempting circumstances and legitimate reasons for a seafarer to abandon or withdraw from employment.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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