



**GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 16  
Series of 2020**

**WHEREAS**, Article 25 of the Labor Code of the Philippines, as amended, declares as a policy to actively pursue and maximize the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of a comprehensive employment program;

**WHEREAS**, under Republic Act 8042, as amended by Republic Act 10022, it is a declared policy that non-government organizations, trade union, workers' association, stakeholders and other entities duly recognized as legitimate, are partners of the State in the protection of the Filipino migrant workers and in the promotion of their welfare and the significant contribution of the recruitment and manning agencies shall form part of this partnership;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the Omnibus Rules Implementing the Migrant Workers and Filipinos Overseas Act of 1995, as amended by RA 10022, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) shall regulate the private sector participation in the recruitment and placement by setting up a licensing and registration system;

**WHEREAS**, the 2002 Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Land-based Overseas Workers has provided for the provisional registration of foreign principal;

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2020, His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Proclamation No. 922, Series of 2020, placing the entire Philippines under state of public health emergency due to the threat of the corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) for a period of six (6) months from 16 March 2020 throughout the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued Resolution No. 36, Series of 2020 on 13 May 2020 stating on Item B that... "Further, government offices and agencies involved in the processing of their deployment are hereby directed to establish "Green Lanes" to enable their prompt processing and deployment;

**WHEREAS**, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 extending the declared state of Calamity for a period of one (1) year, effective 13 September 2020 until 12 September 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

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**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 11494 also known as the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act (Bayanihan II) enacted on 11 September 2020 has included in the declaration of policy that the State shall issue a directive that all government agencies and LGUs shall act on all pending and new applications for permit, license, certificate, clearance, authorization and resolutions within a non-extendible period of seven (7) working days, in order to support business continuity and encourage resumption of all economic activities: *Provided*, That the applicant shall be allowed to undertake its compliance to any additional requirement that may be imposed by the government agency or LGU, and such will not delay the approval of the application;

**WHEREAS**, while affording reasonable relief to affected recruitment agencies, the Administration shall continue to ensure that the protection and welfare of the overseas Filipino workers remain a primordial consideration;


**NOW, THEREFORE**, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to issue an *Interim Guidelines to Facilitate the Provisional Accreditation of Principal/Employer of Landbased Overseas Filipino Workers During the National State of Emergency brought about by COVID-19 Pandemic in the Philippines*.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this *Interim Guidelines* shall be effective and will be implemented only during the National State of Emergency brought about by COVID-19 Pandemic in the Philippines unless otherwise shortened or extended by the Governing Board.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that the POEA Administrator is hereby directed to issue memorandum circular/s and/or advisory/ies, and coordinate with the Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLOs) through the International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB), for the proper and effective implementation of this Resolution.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of **November 2020**.

  
**SILVESTRE H. BELLO III**  
Secretary of Labor and Employment  
and Chairperson of the POEA Governing Board

  
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