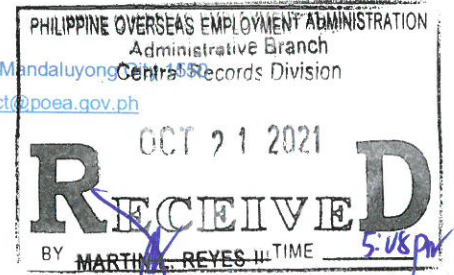




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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 09
Series of 2021

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10022 authorizes the POEA Governing Board, after consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), to impose a ban on the deployment of Filipino migrant workers in pursuit of national interest or when public welfare so requires;

WHEREAS, the POEA issued Governing Board Resolution No. 2, Series of 2020, imposing a total deployment ban on the processing and deployment of all OFWs following the raising of the alert status to Alert Level 4 by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA);

WHEREAS, the DFA in its letter to the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) dated 11 October 2021, lowered the Crisis Alert Level in Iraq from Alert Level 4 (Mandatory Repatriation Phase) to Alert Level 3 (Voluntary Repatriation Phase) upon the recommendation of the Philippine Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq;

WHEREAS, POEA has previously issued Governing Board Resolution No. 6, Series of 2018 granting exemptions on the documentation of returning workers, except household service workers under the selective Balik-Manggagawa Exemption Program as proposed by the DFA even with the imposition of Alert Level 3;

NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to impose a deployment ban on the processing and deployment of newly hired workers and to exempt the documentation of returning workers, subject to the following conditions:

1. The OFW is an active worker in Iraq with proof of recent stay in Iraq (e.g. proof of departure from Iraq or proof of billing);
2. Proof that the OFW is returning to the same employer/company (e.g. Employment Contract);
3. Contract between OFW and employer conforms with Philippine and Iraqi labor laws;
4. The OFW work site is outside the following No-Go-Zones, namely:

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- a. The Provinces of Anbar, Nineveh, Kirkuk and Mosul
 - b. Sadr City, Baghdad Province
 - c. Amedi, Erbil Province
 - d. Mahkmour, Erbil Province;
5. The employer of the OFW signs an undertaking guaranteeing secured work premises in Iraq;
 6. The employer of the OFW signs an undertaking guaranteeing financial sponsorship and facilitation of the repatriation of the OFW from Iraq covering both airfare and visa penalties, if any; and
 7. The OFW is not a household service worker (HSW).

For immediate compliance.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 21st day of October 2021.


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