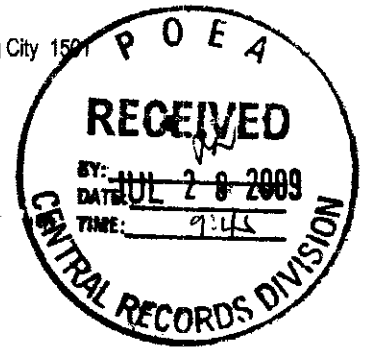




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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 08-A
Series of 2009

TO : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE BAN ON DEPLOYMENT
TO LEBANON FOR BALIK-MANGGAGAWA (BM)

Pursuant to Governing Board Resolution No. 07, Series of 2009 allowing workers legally deployed to work in Lebanon prior to the imposition of the total ban on deployment to said country on June 18, 2007 who are presently employed and who come home for vacation or on leave, to be processed as Balik-Manggagawa (BM) to enable them to return to Lebanon, the following guidelines are hereby issued :

1. Coverage

Workers legally deployed for overseas employment in Lebanon prior to the ban imposed on June 18, 2007 who return to the Philippines for vacation or on leave from an existing employment.

2. Conditions for Exemption from the Ban on Deployment to Lebanon

- a. The worker must have been legally deployed prior to June 18, 2007 ;
- b. The worker is presently employed in Lebanon and has returned to the country on leave or for a vacation ; and
- c. The worker is returning to the same employer under an existing valid employment contract.

3. Documentary Requirements

- a. Valid Employment Contract or Proof of Existing Employment duly attested by the Philippine Embassy in Lebanon under terms and conditions compliant with the minimum standards provided under recruitment rules and regulations. In the case of Household Service Workers (HSWs), the employment contract must be compliant with the HSW Reform Package providing among others, for a minimum monthly salary of US \$400.00 and requiring a worker to be at least 23 years of age.
- b. Valid passport
- c. Valid return visa to Lebanon

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BY CRD ON JUL 20 2009

4. Period of Effectivity of the Exemption from the Ban of Balik- Manggagawa

The exemption or partial lifting of the ban for Balik-Manggagawa shall remain in effect until January 15, 2010 unless sooner withdrawn or otherwise directed.

These guidelines shall become effective fifteen (15) days from the date of publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

For compliance.


JENNIFER JARDIN-MANALILI
Administrator

14 July 2009