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TO: ALL CONCERNED

Subject: Partial Lifting of Worker Deployment Ban on Afghanistan and Iraq

Pursuant to POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 05 and POEA Advisory No. 40, series of 2011, on the partial lifting of the deployment ban imposed on Afghanistan and Iraq, the following guidelines are hereby issued on the documentation OFWs based in said countries:

A. Coverage.

Only those working inside American military camps and facilities, with existing employment contracts, shall be covered by this guidelines, and shall therefore be qualified for issuance of travel exit clearance. These shall include the following:

1. Workers with existing valid employment contract;
2. Workers whose contracts were extended or renewed onsite; and
3. Workers who will go home for vacation but will return to their jobsites to finish the unexpired portion of their contracts.

B. Restrictions.

New hires and those working outside American military camps and facilities are not covered by this guidelines and are not therefore qualified for issuance of travel exit clearance.

C. Requirements for Processing of travel exit clearance.

1. Passport valid at least 6 months from date of return to jobsite.
2. Valid visa to the *transit* country.
3. Letter of Authorization (LOA), if employer is a US company; or NATO Sponsorship, if non-US company.
4. Proof of employment (such as employment contract, pay slip, or equivalent documents)

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5. **For IRAQ- bound workers**, certificate of current employment from the employer, or issued by the Philippine Embassy, and endorsed by the Philippine Embassy.
6. Plane ticket

For strict compliance effective immediately.



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