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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1

Series of 2019

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SUBJECT:

GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POEA GOVERNING BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 04, SERIES OF 2019

Pursuant to POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 04, Series of 2019, on the imposition of a total deployment ban on the processing of all OFWs, including crew change and shore leave of Filipino seafarers in Tripoli and areas within 100 kilometers of Tripoli, Libya and the imposition of Alert Level 2 on other areas in Libya outside the 100 kilometer radius of Tripoli, and further to the letter clarification of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) dated 17 July 2019 stating that the exemptions were not intended to allow the processing and deployment of Filipinos who had previously worked in Libya and who have been in the Philippines or elsewhere during the past several years, the following guidelines are hereby issued for the processing and deployment of returning workers.

A. Coverage

Returning workers who are employed by the company with valid and existing contracts with the government of Libya, the United Nations, other International Organization and International Non-Government Organization.

B. Restrictions

The following workers are not allowed:

- 1. Processing of household service workers or domestic workers, whether new hire or returning.
- 2. Processing and deployment of new hires and returning workers to the following areas within the 100-kilometer radius of Tripoli, as follows:

To the East

To the West

To the South

1. Tajoura

1. Aziziya

1. Esbea

2. Ghot Romman

2. Warshifana

2. Tarhuna

3. Qaraboli

3. Zawia

3. Bani Waled

4. Qasr Khiyar

4. Surman

5. Sabratha

4. Gharyan

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3. Balik-Manggagawa who have new contracts, even if returning to the same employer.

C. Requirements for Balik-Manggagawa (BM) Processing

- 1. Passport, valid at least six (6) months from the date of intended departure;
- 2. Valid and appropriate visa or work permit;
- 3. Verified Employment Contract providing among others, the exact address/location of jobsite; telephone number and email address of employer;
- 4. Certification of Employment indicating the period of employment with the company;
- 5. Undertaking from the employer on the following:
 - a. Protection and safety of the worker;
 - b. That the worker will not be deployed/assigned to areas outside the 100-kilometer radius of Tripoli;
 - c. To report to the Philippine Embassy and/or Philippine Overseas Labor Office significant incidents affecting the employment, safety and welfare of the worker; and
 - d. Immediate evacuation/repatriation of the worker as may be warranted.

For strict and immediate compliance.

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