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To

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Subject

Guidelines on the Resumption of Deployment of Agency-Hired

Overseas Filipino Workers in Taiwan

Pursuant to the Revised POEA Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Landbased Overseas Filipino Workers of 2016 (2016 Rules) and with the approval of the resumption of the deployment of migrant workers by the Taiwan Committee Epidemic Command Center (CECC) and Taiwan Ministry of Labor (MOL), the following guidelines are hereby issued to facilitate the deployment of our OFWs in the said country:

1. Coverage

These guidelines shall cover all agency-hired Landbased Overseas Filipino Workers bound for deployment to Taiwan, as well as Philippine Recruitment Agencies (PRAs) and Taiwan Manpower Agencies (TMAs).

- Responsibilities of the OFWs, Licensed/Philippine Recruitment Agencies 11. (PRAs) and Taiwan Manpower Agencies (TMAs).
 - 1. The OFWs, Philippine Recruitment Agencies and their Taiwan Manpower Agencies shall ensure compliance with the deployment protocols and requirements set forth by this Memorandum Circular and by the Taiwan CECC and MOL;
 - During deployment, the OFW shall abide by, and strictly comply with, all the health and safety protocols and policies particularly those that are contained in the Taiwan Foreign Human Resources Agency Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist;
 - 3. The PRAs and/or their TMAs shall be responsible for the following:
 - a. Ensuring that all the necessary clearances and documentary requirements are updated and complete at the time of the

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deployment of the worker [i.e Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC), visa, verified/ authenticated employment contract, medical examination certificates, negative Covid-19 RT-PCR Results and certificates, Vaccination certificates or international certificate of vaccination (yellow card), Covid-19 health insurance and other required pre-departure documentary /tṛavel requirements];

- b. Monitoring the strict compliance of the OFW with the Foreign Human Resources Agency Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist prescribed by Taiwan and with the requirements set by this Memorandum Circular:
- c. Providing appropriate briefing to their workers on the requirements and protocols prior to their departure and upon arrival in Taiwan:
- d. Submitting to the POEA Landbased Center the seven (7) day Daily Self-Health Monitoring Form (Annex A), Foreign Human Resources Agency Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist and other documentary requirements for assessment, verification and stamping;
- e. Appointing and identifying specific personnel that would monitor the daily health conditions of their departing workers.;
- f. Providing the appropriate free COVID 19 RT-PCR testing to its workers, as required by the employer and Taiwan, as well as meals, accommodation, and transportation from the point of hire to the intended destination in order to ensure that the deployed workers are negative for COVID-19 prior to the deployment;
- g. Assisting the workers in securing a facility where the workers can have the required self-quarantine prior to their departure for Taiwan; and
- h. Coordinating with the relevant medical facilities for emergency medical assistance and appropriate treatment for their workers that will be tested positive for COVID-19 prior to their deployment.

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III. Requirements for Departing OFWs

a. COVID-19 Testing Requirement

Departing workers are required to provide a certificate of COVID-19 RT-PCR negative result prior to their flights and must observe the period required by the Taiwan government as to the validity of the results.

(Note: In compliance with the Taiwan Centers for Disease Control announcement; as from 04 January 2022; every arriving passenger is required to provide a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result that is based on specimen collection date within two days prior to the flight schedule time.)

As required by the Taiwan Foreign Human Resources Agency Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist, workers who will be undergoing training must undergo and be tested negative for COVID-19 three days before commencing with their respective training.

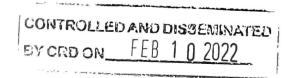
The RT-PCR tests can be only administered by testing centers which are duly accredited by the Taiwan CECC based on the list provided by the Philippine authorities.

b. Vaccination Requirements

Departing workers must be fully inoculated against COVID-19 with recognize vaccines authorized for emergency use by Taiwan health authorities and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Workers who are fully vaccinated locally shall secure an official digital vaccination certificate through the VaxCertPh portal, while those who were vaccinated overseas may present an International Certificate of Vaccination (ICV) duly issued by the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) or by the competent authority of the country where the vaccines were administered.

Before entering Taiwan, the workers must upload their vaccination certificate to the Ministry of Labor's Immigration Service Airport Care Service network for Overseas Migrant Workers (https://fwas.wda.gov.tw/) and have been check.



As per Taiwan authorities, Requirements No. 1, 2 and 4 are only applicable to deploying workers whose positions are required to undergo training in institutions. The PRAs are required to check that the institutions complied with the required reduction on training capacities and accommodation facilities. The representative of the training institute/center must sign on the Prevention Plan and Checklist to attest the compliance with the said requirements.

For requirements No. 5, 6 and 7, the PRAs shall ensure that their departing workers complied on the seven (7) day self-monitoring measures prior to the scheduled departure. To monitor compliance, the worker shall fill up the prescribed monitoring form (Annex A) that will be submitted to the Landbased Center.

Once subjected to an RT-PCR test, workers are strictly required to undergo self-quarantine on one person per room rule to prevent further infection. The self-quarantine shall be observed from the time an RT-PCR test is administered until the scheduled departure. Once a negative RT-PCR test result is issued, the worker can depart for Taiwan within the 72-hour period.

The self –quarantine can be taken in a government accredited quarantine facility, hotel and other other similar facilities.

IV. Assessment and Validation of Taiwan Foreign Human Resources Agency Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist

On top of applicable provisions set out in the 2016 Revised POEA Rules, the PRA that will deploy workers to Taiwan shall submit to the Landbased Center in triplicate copies the following documents:

- a. Duly accomplished Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist;
- b. Duly accomplished Seven (7) day Self Health Monitoring Form;
- c. Negative RT-PCR test result; and
- d. Digital Vaccination Certificate or International Certificate of Vaccination (ICV).

The Landbased Center shall assess and assure the compliance of the worker with all of the requirements. It may further require the submission of other proof or/and documents should there be questions on the submitted requirements.

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Upon assessment, the Landbased Center shall sign and stamp the Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist.

PRAs must provide a list of their personnel who are tasked to monitor the quarantine and the seven-day self-health management of their deploying workers and their corresponding signature specimen.

Any misrepresentations or submission of falsified or spurious document/s may warrant the endorsement of the case for proper investigation.

The PRAs are also reminded that Taiwan specifically provided that when a foreign worker tests positive for COVID-19 after arriving in the ROC, if an investigation shows that the worker's living environment did not meet the conditions laid down in the Pandemic Prevention Plan, that a PCR test was not administered, that fake vaccination certificate was provided, or where more than two workers from the same training location tested positive in the same time period, the foreign human resources agency will be provisionally banned from arranging for foreign workers to work in Taiwan. In the event that false information is provided recognition will be revoked in accordance with Subparagraph 6, Paragraph 2, Article 31 of the Regulations for Permission and Supervision of Private Employment Services Institution.

V. Post arrival protocols

Upon arrival in Taiwan, workers must comply with the required quarantine and self-health management at an epidemic prevention hotel for quarantine facility. The TMA and PRA shall ensure that the necessary arrangements for the workers' quarantine.

After the completion of the workers of the fourteen (14) day quarantine at an epidemic prevention hotel for quarantine facility they should continue their quarantine for the next seven (7) days in a quarantine facilities provided by the employer.

The TMA and PRA shall ensure that the necessary arrangements are complete and the required insurance and other documents are fully secured prior to the departure of the workers.

While undergoing quarantine, workers would be provided with government subsidy while their employer are mandated to further compensate them for the remaining seven (7) days.

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VI. Expenses on the additional requirements

The PRA and/or TMA shall shoulder all the expenses arising from the additional requirements prescribed by the Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist.

FOR GUIDANCE AND STRICT COMPLIANCE

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Administrator

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DAILY SELF HEALTH MONITORING FORM

Name: Address: Contact Number: E-mail Address:

Deployment Date:

Philippine Recruitment Agency:

Date RT-PCR Test Taken: Date of RT-PCR Result: Testing Facility/Center:

Result:

Day 7 Day 6 Day 5 Day 4 Day 3 Day 2 Day 1 residence/facility/training center* Cough and/or colds Fatigue/Tiredness Place(s) visited outside of Place of stay/quarantine Medicines taken (if any) Sore Throat **Body Pain** Headache Reason for visiting Diarrhea Wear Facemask: Others Fever Temperature: Symptoms: Dates: • • • •

*Strict quarantine (one room-one-person policy) from time RT-PCR test is administered up to the time of departure *

I here by certify that the above information are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Worker's Signature above Printed Name

Date

I hereby certify that I fully monitored the subject worker and the information stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Agency Authorized Representative (Monitoring Officer)

Date

外國人力仲介公司防疫計畫及檢核表

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國別		□泰國	□菲律賓	
		□印尼	□越南	
經中華民國認可何		可仲介編號		
外國人力仲介	英文名稱			
公司	當地國語文名稱			
	中文名稱			
訓練機構名訓練機構名訓練機構		稱		
		址		
防疫計畫內容應規劃事項				
	防疫計畫內?	容應規劃事項		檢核事項
		容應規劃事項 中介公司填寫)		檢核事項 (由當地國主管機關檢核人員填寫欄)
1.訓練機構同數應減少50	(外國人力的			
1.訓練機構同數應減少 50	(外國人力的	P介公司填寫) 最大訓練人數:		(由當地國主管機關檢核人員填寫欄) 1.查核日之現場訓練人數:人
數應減少 50 2.訓練機構安 居住人數應	(外國人力的 一時段訓練人)% 排住宿地點之 減少 50%, 住	P介公司填寫) 最大訓練人數: 減少 50%人之訓練人		(由當地國主管機關檢核人員填寫欄) 1.查核日之現場訓練人數:人 2.是否符合減量 50%:□是 □否 1.查核日之住宿人數:人 2.是否符合減量 50%:□是 □否

4.移工進入訓練機構受訓 3 日前,應進行 PCR 檢驗, 且檢驗結果須為陰性	檢驗結果應由訓練機構保存	□ 已有保存機制:□是 □否
5. 移工於登機前7日進行自主健康管理措施	晚各量體溫一次、詳實記錄體溫、健康狀況及活動史,	3.有無宣導自主健康管理應遵守事項:□ 是□否
6.移工於登機入境我國 72 小時前,再次辦理 PCR 檢 驗,且檢驗結果須為陰性	檢驗機構名稱:	是否符合中華民國指揮中心同意之檢驗 機構名單:□是 □否
7.備妥一人一室隔離處供外 國人於登機前 PCR 檢驗 後居住		已備妥一人一室地點:□是 □否

	□旅館 (名稱: □其他地點: (地址: (如有二個以上隔離 用附件表列))) 地點,請	
受檢核之訓練機構代表人員簽名			
實施檢核之當地國中央或地方主管機關 名稱			
當地國中央或地方主管機關檢核人員簽名			
檢核機關用印或單位主管簽名			
(若有中華民國駐當地國人員陪同檢核) 陪同檢核人員簽名			
檢核日期(西元年月日)yyyy/mm/dd:			

備註:

- 1. 每一訓練機構應單獨填寫一份檢核表。
- 2. 除外國人力仲介機構中文名稱外,其餘欄位均為必填。
- 3. 倘移工入境後發生確診之情事,經疫調有移工居住環境未符合防疫計畫書內容、未確實辦理 PCR 檢驗、提供不實疫苗接種證明,或同一訓練所同一時段有2名以上移工確診之情事等,將暫緩該外國人力仲介公司辦理移工來臺工作業務;倘涉及提供不實資料,將

依私立就業服務機構許可及管理辦法第31條第1項第6款規定,廢止其認可。

Foreign Human Resources Agency Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist

Country		□Thailand	11	
		□Indones	ia □Vietnam	
ROC appro		red human resources		
Foreign	reign agency No.			
Resources	English name			
	Name in local language			
	Chinese name			
	Name of trai	ning		
Training	agency			
agency	Address of tra	ining		
	agency			
Items to be planned as part of Pandemic prevention pro- (to be filled in by the foreign human resources agence			Checklist items	
			(to be filled in by the competent authority	
		ency)	in the country of origin)	
1. The number of people Maximum number of		trainees:	1. Number of trainees on day of inspection:	
trained by the ti	raining agency			
at any one tir	ne should be	Number of trainees a	ifter 50%	2. Does this meet the 50% reduction
reduced by 50% reduction:			provision: □ Yes □ No	
2. The number	er of people			1. Number of residents on day of
resident in a	ccommodation	Maximum number of re	esidents:	inspection:
arranged by the training		2. Γ	2. Does this meet the 50% reduction	
agency should be reduced by Number of residents aft		ter 50%	provision: □ Yes □ No	
50%. Individual rooms should house a maximum of six			3. Are a maximum of six people housed in	
			each room: □ Yes □ No	
people.				

3. Pre-approval from the	Name of testing agency:	Is the testing agency on the list of CECC
ROC's Central Epidemic		approved testing agencies: □ Yes □ No
Command Center (CECC) o	f	
the PCR testing agency to be		
visited by foreign workers		
4. Foreign workers should	The training institute must retain	Is there a test result preservation
receive a PCR test three days	the test results for 180 days	mechanism: □ Yes □No
prior to attending the training	r	
institute and the test resul	t	
must be negative		
	1. During the self-health	1. Are temperature test results preserved:
	management period individuals	Yes □No
	should keep a record of their	2. Does the self-health management
	temperature (taken every	location provide face masks: Yes No
	morning and night), health status	3. Is guidance provided on observing
	and movements, to be retained	self-health management: □ Yes □ No
	for 180 days.	
	2. A face mask must be worn for	
	the duration and places where	
5. Foreign workers are	social distancing (1.5m indoors	
required to observe	and Im outdoors) cannot be	
self-health management	observed or close contact with	
measures for the seven days	non designated individuals is	
before they board a flight to	likely should be avoided.	
Taiwan	3. Participation in close quarter	
	or group activities is strictly	
	forbidden, including dining	;
	together, meetings, public	
	gatherings or similar activities.	
	4. If an individual develops	
	suspected COVID-19 related	
	symptoms medical attention	
	should be sought and it will be	
	reported as a potential	

		Control of the Contro	T
	COVID-19 case. After re-	ceiving	
	a test at a hospital and bef	ore the	
	results are known the ind	ividual	
	should remain in his	or her	
	residence and not go outsi	de.	
	Name of testing agency:		Is the testing agency on the list of CECC
Foreign workers should	Traine of testing agency.		approved testing agencies: Yes No
receive an additional PCR test			
within 72 hours prior to			
arriving in Taiwan and the			
result must be negative			
	The one-person per	room	Existing one-person per room living space:
	quarantine living space is l	located	□ Yes □ No
	in:		
	The training institute		
7. Provision of one-person	A location other th	an the	
per room quarantine living	training institute:		
space for foreign nationals	D Hotel		
after receiving a PCR test and	(Name: :)		
before boarding a plane to	Other location:		
Taiwan	(Address:)		
	(If there are two or	more	
	quarantine locations then	plea se	
	use the appended list)		
Signature of approved training	institute representative		
Name of the central or local go	overnment competent		
authority conducting the inspec	ction in the country of		
origin			
Signature of inspector from ce	ntral or local		
government competent authori	ty in the country of		
origin			

Official seal of inspection agency or signature of senior agency official	
Signature of accompanying inspection personnel	
(in the event an ROC official resident in the country	
of origin takes part in the inspection)	
Inspection date: yyyy/mm/dd:	

Notes:

- Each training institute should independently fill in this form.
- Other than the Chinese name of the foreign human resources agency all other columns must be filled in.
- When a foreign worker tests positive for COVID-19 after arriving in the ROC, if an investigation shows that the worker's living environment did not meet the conditions laid down in the Pandemic Prevention Plan, that a PCR test was not administered, fake vaccination certificate was provided or where more than two workers from the same training location test positive in the same time period, the foreign human resources agency will be provisionally banned from arranging for foreign workers to work in Taiwan. In the event false information is provided recognition will be revoked in accordance with Subparagraph 6, Paragraph 2, Article 31 of the Regulations for Permission and Supervision of Private Employment Services Institution.