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POEA cancels license of 3 recruitment agencies, suspends 5 others for "re-processing"

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration recently cancelled the license of 3 recruitment agencies and suspended 5 others for deploying household workers using the so called "re-processing scheme".

Re-processing is a modus operandi where licensed agencies submit to the POEA documents of workers for processing under another skill category but with a valid job order from accredited employers. The worker whose documents undergo "re-processing" almost always end up working as a domestic helper or for a position or employer different from those indicated in the employment contract.

POEA personnel at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) discovered the "re-processing scheme" of the 8 agencies as they validated the documents of the departing workers at the Labor Assistance Center in NAIA Terminal 1.

Upon further questioning, the workers admitted they were leaving to work as domestic helpers in Middle East countries and did not undergo the strict requirements of documentation for Filipino household service workers under the reform package introduced by the government early this year.

For violation of Part VI, Rule I, Section 2e of the 2002 POEA Rules and Regulations and for committing the same offense for the third time, the POEA cancelled the license of RDRI International Manpower, Town International Manpower, and Skyline Placement Agency. The POEA also disqualified all officers and directors of the 3 agencies from participation in the overseas program of the government and their names included in the POEA List of Persons with Derogatory Record.

The POEA meted Askar International Management and Services, Awas Manpower Services, Jiahnni International Inc., and Royal Lucky International a 6-month suspension of license, or payment of Php60,000 fine as alternative penalty.

Rajaam Recruitment and Placement was got the penalty of 12 months suspension or payment of fine amounting to Php120,000. ###