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POEA warns OFWs on certain jobs in Canada

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac yesterday warned overseas job applicants against accepting offers of employment in the food services sector in Canada.

Cacdac said the Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) imposed a moratorium on the Food Services Sector's access to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program, in response to allegations that the program was being abused in order to displace Canadian workers.

Technically, with the moratorium, the ESDC will not process any new or pending application for Labor Market Opinion (LMO) and no work permit for temporary foreign workers will be approved, thereby rendering any job offered by the recruiter that was affected by the freeze non-existent.

“To avoid illegal recruitment, job applicants should reject offers of employment in pizza, hotdog, or other fast food franchise counters in Canada”, Cacdac said.

Cacdac said occupations such as food counter attendants, kitchen helpers, restaurant and food service managers, food service supervisors, food and beverage servers, cashiers, chefs, cooks, bakers, sales, marketing and advertising managers, executive housekeepers, cleaning supervisors, butchers, meat cutters and fishmongers, sales representatives, retail salespersons and sales clerks, hosts/hostesses, bartenders, janitors, and caretakers, among others, in establishments primarily engaged in preparing meals, snacks and beverages, to customer orders for immediate consumption on and off the premises, were covered by the moratorium.

The suspension does not include food service activities that occur within establishments such as hotels, civic and social associations, amusement and recreation parks, and theatres, but leased food-service locations in facilities such as hotels, shopping malls, airports and department stores are included.

He said the moratorium will remain in effect until the completion of the on-going Canadian government review of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program./END