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POEA revokes license of another recruiter

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) on July 28 cancelled the license of Experts Placement Agency, Inc., which was found to have attempted to send four female workers to Lebanon using Dubai, United Arab Emirates as jump-off point.

Administrator Hans Cacdac said Experts Placement Agency, Inc. tried to deploy the four OFWs as household service workers in Lebanon by having their papers processed at the POEA using the agency's existing job orders approved for Dubai.

The workers filed their complaints against the agency after they were barred from boarding their plane at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport by officers of the Bureau of Immigration's Travel Control and Enforcement Unit (TCEU).

Cacdac said the TCEU intercepted the workers because they initially presented travel papers for Dubai but upon further inspection and questioning, they admitted that they were actually bound for Lebanon. Documents retrieved from the workers showed that two of them were supposed to work in Dubai as helpers, and the other two as archives clerk and sewer respectively.

In his decision, Cacdac found Experts Placement Agency liable for misrepresentation. The POEA 2002 Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Land-based Overseas Workers prohibits a recruitment agency from engaging in the acts of misrepresentation such as furnishing or publishing any false notice, information, and document in relation to recruitment and employment.

"This is a clear case of re-processing which constitutes misrepresentation considering that the workers' destination and employer are different from what appear on their POEA-processed documents," Cacdac said. /END