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## **POEA suspends two recruiters and their employers for deceiving domestic workers**

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac ordered the preventive suspension of Eunice International Manpower Services Inc. and Vital Wealth Manpower Resources Corporation for sending household service workers (HSW) to Dubai using visas with different skills categories.

Cacdac said Eunice International and Vital Wealth Manpower Resources committed acts of "reprocessing" or misrepresentation, which are serious violations of the 2002 POEA Rules and Regulations.

The charge of reprocessing against Eunice International and Vital Wealth Manpower Resources stemmed from the endorsement of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Dubai, UAE, relative to OFWs who are sheltered at the POLO Filipino Workers Resource Center (FWRC) for being alleged victims of illegal recruitment and human trafficking.

The complainant against Eunice International narrated in her affidavit that she was made to sign a two (2) year employment contract for the position of household "domestic worker" with a monthly salary of 1,500 Dirhams, but the agency submitted to the POEA, in complainant's behalf, documents that reflected the position of a non-household "cleaner".

Complainant then worked as an all-around maid in a household with a salary of 1,000 Dirhams per month, instead of 1,500 Dirhams. Her employer made her work from dawn to 12:00 midnight everyday, with no ample rest.

Cacdac also suspended the accreditation of White Cleaning Services LLC, Noor Al Madina Labour Recruitment Services and Moimuddin Fairouz, the foreign principal/household employer of Eunice International, pending investigation of the recruitment violation cases filed against them.

In a similar case, Cacdac ordered the preventive suspension of Vital Wealth, for submitting documents to the POEA pertaining to three workers with visas for "waitress", "receptionist", and "sales personnel", despite the fact that such workers were made to work as domestic workers in United Arab Emirates.

Instead of working with the employers specified in their respective contracts, the complainants said they reported to Express Labour Supply, a Dubai-based recruitment agency, and actually worked as domestic workers.

"The problem with reprocessing is that workers under the strict mantle of protection, such as domestic workers, are declared as some other types of workers, thereby preventing the government from applying protective measures," Cacdac said.

In the context of the UAE, "reprocessing" of domestic workers means that the recruiters avoid application of the PHL-recognized standard contract for domestic workers.

Cacdac suspended the accreditation of foreign principals Mama Lucia Restaurant, Belvedere Hotel Apartment, and Frigate International Freight, LCC, thereby temporarily disqualifying them from recruitment and placement of overseas Filipino workers. /END