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## POEA allows deployment of OFWs to Guinea

The Governing Board of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration over the weekend has issued a resolution lifting the deployment ban to Guinea following the downgrade of Crisis Alert Level from 3 (voluntary repatriation phase) to 1 (monitoring phase by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The POEA Board, on May 16, 2015, stopped the processing and deployment of overseas Filipino workers bound for Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia after the reported outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus disease in the three countries.

In the POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 2 Series of 2015 which was signed last Friday, January 22, 2016, lifted the ban on deployment of all Filipino workers, to include both vacationing and new hires, subject to the issuance of appropriate advice to Filipino workers therein to take precautionary measures during their stay in the said country, which is under alert level 1.

The World Health Organization has declared Guinea as Ebola-free on December 2015.

