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## POEA launches online application system to monitor OFWs

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration has developed and will soon introduce an online application to facilitate the monitoring of overseas Filipino workers.

The monitoring system will be used by Philippine recruitment and manning agencies as a tool in reporting the status and condition of OFWs they have deployed as prescribed by the POEA through Memorandum Circular No. 12, Series of 2018.

MC 12-2018 requires licensed manning and recruitment agencies to strictly monitor status and conditions of deployed OFWs onsite and seafarers onboard and submit corresponding quarterly reports.

Initial report on the status and condition of newly deployed OFWs onsite and seafarers onboard shall be done three (3) months after deployment and every quarter thereafter. However, in the event of a significant or critical incident, the deploying agency should promptly submit the report within five (5) working days from occurrence.

Licensed recruitment and manning agencies are enjoined to use the online monitoring system. Those found neglectful in monitoring and reporting on the status of their deployed OFWs shall be subject to administrative sanctions in accordance with the schedule of penalties under the existing POEA rules and regulation.

The Workers Education and Welfare Monitoring Division (WEWMD) shall manage the monitoring system including generation and analysis of data and other statistical requirements.

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