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In view of the substantial resumption of flights to the Middle East and the generally favorable reports from labor officials on the Middle East situation, the suspension of documentary processing of contract workers including domestic helpers bound for Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and in the areas of Riyadh (Central Province) and Jeddah (Western Province) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is hereby lifted.

The following guidelines shall apply:

1. The requirements cited in Memorandum Circular 58 and 58-A, Series of 1980 for submission of affidavits of undertaking, contingency plans per principal including the list of skilled workers (non-domestic helpers) deployed by concerned agencies to the jobsites will still apply.

2. The requirement for return tickets for domestic helpers specified in MC 58-A Series of 1980 shall however no longer apply. In lieu of return ticket, an affidavit of undertaking shall be required from agencies deploying domestic helpers.

3. To ascertain their whereabouts, private agencies deploying domestic helpers and related workers to the abovementioned areas shall notify the Philippine Embassy nearest the worksite on the worker’s employment particulars (name of worker, employer, employer address and telephone number). Employers should also be advised to register their household workers and employment particulars in the Philippine Embassy nearest the worksite.

4. Deployment remains suspended however in the following areas:

4.1 Iraq;
4.2 Kuwait;
4.3 Jordan;
4.4 Israel; and
4.5 the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia (Abqaiq, Alkhobar, Al Hasa, Al Hinnah, Al Khafji, Al-Mishab, Al Mubarraz, Azzarqani, Dammam, Dhahran,
Fadhili, Hafar Al Batin, Hofuf, Juaymah, Jubail, King Khalid Military City, Khwisan, Manifa, Nariya, Qaisumah, Qatif, Rahima, Ras Al Ghas, Ras Az Zwar, Ras Tanura, Safwa, Saihat, Salwa, Safaniyah, Uthayq).

This Circular supersedes all previous MCs suspending deployment to the Middle East.

For strict compliance.

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