MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL LICENSED LANDBASED AGENCIES AND THEIR FOREIGN EMPLOYERS

SUBJECT : CROSS-BORDER MOBILITY OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS TO IRAQ

DATE : 13 July 2004

In view of the prevailing danger in the movement of Filipino workers to Iraq by employers from the neighboring Gulf States of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan Syria and Iran, among others, it is imperative that we ensure their safety and protection. Hence, all licensed agencies and their respective foreign employers are hereby directed to:

1) Strictly comply with the terms of the verified contract, particularly the indicated worksite or place of work; and

2) Desist from deploying to Iraq Filipinos who are hired to work in a specific country but whose skills or nature of work may require them to cross the Iraq border as part of their job.

Agencies and employers found violating this memorandum will be meted with the appropriate penalties in accordance with the existing POEA Rules and Regulations.

For strict compliance.

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Administrator