RE-ENTRY OF VACATIONING WORKERS TO GREECE

The Ministry of Public Order of Greece announced on 13 December 2004 that foreign nationals who visited their home country during the Christmas holiday season can re-enter Greece from 15 December 2004 until 15 January 2005 provided they hold the following documentary requirements:

- Aliens whose residence permit have expired need to present their valid passport, residence permit which had expired, and certification of having filed all the requirements for the issuance of residence or work permit before expiry. Some examples of categories provided for by law 2910/01 are dependent worker (with employer), independent worker, independent economic pursuit, family union, spouse of Greek citizen, and student.

- Aliens who have filed initial residence permit need to present their valid passport and expired entry visa which should have been acquired under reasons of work, family union or study.

All overseas Filipino workers returning to Greece after 15 January 2005 will have to apply for a visa at the Spanish Embassy in Manila or the Greek Embassy in Jakarta in order to re-enter Greece. Returning OFWs or Balik-Manggagawas bound for Greece are specifically advised to comply to avoid denial of their re-entry.

For information and guidance of all concerned.

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