

ALLOWING THE PROCESSING AND DEPLOYMENT OF RETURNING SKILLED WORKERS TO LIBYA

POEA GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 09, S. 2014, June 13, 2014

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WHEREAS, on 29 May 2014, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) raised the security Alert Level in Libya to Alert Level 3 (Voluntary Repatriation Phase) following the escalating civil unrest in the country;

WHEREAS, on 30 May 2014, POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 08, Series of 2014 was issued imposing a total deployment ban on the processing and deployment of all OFWs bound for Libya;

WHEREAS, on 11 June 2014, the DFA through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs recommended the exemption from the total deployment ban to Libya of certain skill categories of OFWs to be allowed to return to the said country, provided that their employers will issue a letter guaranteeing their safety, security and repatriation in case the situation in Libya worsens and there is imminent danger to their lives and well-being;

NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to allow the processing and deployment of the following skill categories of returning workers to Libya:

- Those employed by diplomats, foreign embassies, missions and international organizations in Libya;
- OFWs working off-shore in oil rig platforms, provided that they will not pass through or spend their vacation in mainland Libya;
- Those working for multinational companies, government hospitals and schools as well as for the Libyan National Oil Company; and
- Filipinos who are married to Libyan nationals.

To ensure the safety and well-being of OFWs identified in Categories B and C, the following documents will be required for the processing of their Overseas Employment Certificates:

- POLO-verified employer contingency plan for the evacuation and repatriation of the workers; and
- POLO-verified employer undertaking guaranteeing the safety of the workers during their stay in Libya, and readiness to immediately repatriate as circumstances may require and at no cost to the worker. The undertaking shall clearly state the exact location of the work site.

The POEA shall closely coordinate with the DFA for continuous monitoring and updates with respect to the political and security situation in Libya, which will include identification of dangerous areas or “no-go zones” as may be deemed necessary.

It is likewise understood that the foregoing exceptions to the deployment ban may be withdrawn based on an

imposition of Alert Level 4 or reimposition of a total deployment ban under Alert Level 3 as recommended by the DFA.

For immediate compliance.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 13[th] day of June 2014.

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