RECOGNITION AS A FILIPINO CITIZEN

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Any child born of a Filipino parent may be recognized as a Filipino citizen under existing laws, only after submission to the Commissioner of the original or certified true copy of the following requirements:

1. Petition by way of a letter-request made under oath by the Filipino parent or legally appointed guardian; if the child is of legal age, i.e. 18 years old, he/she must apply on his/her own capacity.

“In default of parents or a judicially appointed guardian the following x x x”

2. Authenticated Birth Certificate of the child;

3. Birth Certificate of the Filipino parent;

4. Affidavit of Citizenship executed by the applicant’s Filipino parent attesting to his or her citizenship at the time of the birth of the child;

5. Photocopy of the child’s passport, if he/she has one;

6. Photocopy of the Filipino parent’s passport, if he/she has one;

7. Proof of Filipino citizenship of a parent at the time of the birth of the child other than the parents passport in No. 6 or the child’s passport in No. 5 hereof.

In case the letter-request is made by a person on behalf of any of the persons enumerated in No. 1, hereof, the parent or legally appointed guardian, he or she must be duly authorized by way of a power of attorney to file such petition.

All documents issued by foreign governments and those executed in a foreign country shall be duly authenticated by the authorized Officer of the Philippine Consulate of the Embassy which has jurisdiction over them.

Any communication/statement/document in a language other than English or Filipino shall be officially translated under seal of the authorized officer of the appropriate foreign embassy otherwise it shall be inadmissible;

The Bureau through its Records Section shall automatically furnish the Department of Justice an official copy of its Order of Recognition within 72 days from its date of approval by the way of indorsement for confirmation of the Order by the Secretary of Justice pursuant to Executive Order No. 292. No identification Certificate shall issue before the date of confirmation by the Secretary of Justice and any Identification Certificate issued by the Bureau pursuant to an Order of Recognition shall prominently indicate thereon the date of confirmation by the Secretary of Justice.

This Law Instruction shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication and its filing with the U.P. Law Center.

Adopted: 15 April 1999

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Commissioner

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