

FALSIFIED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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The Labor Assistance Center at the Manila International Airport has noted the continuous increase in the incidence of falsified travel documents presented to it. Forms of falsification range from falsified TEP's, forged signatures of POEA officials and fake LAC validation stamps.

In view of the presumption in law that bearers/possessors of any falsified document has participation in the act of falsification, and in view of the need of the Administration to ensure that these acts of falsification and participation thereto is checked, the following guidelines are hereby issued:

1. Passport and other travel documents presented at the LAC bearing forged POEA/LAC and/or PTA validating stamps and/or falsified signatures of authorized POEA personnel shall be subject to confiscation and withheld as evidence in the investigation and prosecution of the case.
2. Should the workers be found to have no participation in the falsification but his documents carry falsified or forged stampings or signature, the same shall be subjected to confiscation.

For compliance.

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