GRANTING NO-VISA ENTRY FOR AN INITIAL STAY OF SEVEN (7) DAYS TO CHINESE NATIONALS WHO ARE HOLDERS OF MACAU-PORTUGUESE PASSPORT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 191, July 22, 1994

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WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the Philippine Government to attract foreign investments and promote trade and tourism as instruments of economic growth and national development;

WHEREAS, a considerable number of Chinese nationals holding Macau-Portuguese passports are frequently visiting the Philippines for business or pleasure and carrying on trade with their Filipino business partners;

WHEREAS, the Macau-Portuguese Government at present grants Filipino citizens no-visa entry to Macau for a stay of not more than fourteen (14) days;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and, in consideration of the foregoing premises, do hereby order;

SECTION 1. Chinese nationals who are holders of Macau-Portuguese passports, travelling individually or in groups, shall be allowed no-visa entry for an initial stay of seven (7) days, provided they have round trip tickets or onward tickets to the next country of destination to which they have valid entry visas, and their passports are valid for at least six (6) months beyond the period of their authorized stay. In a collective Macau-Portuguese passport the pictures of the spouse and minor children of the passport holder must be shown therein together with their names.

SECTION 2. The initial period of stay may be extended by the Bureau of Immigration prior to its expiry date for another period of time allowed under existing regulations, upon proper justifications and payment of the prescribed fees by the applicant.

SECTION 3. The provisions of Letter of Instructions No. 911, dated 10 August 1979, and of all other Presidential issuances and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or amended accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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