

INCREASING DFA INDEX ON OVERSEAS AND LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCES OF FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL IN AUSTRIA, BELGUIM, FRANCE, GERMANY, JAPAN, SWITZERLAND AND VIETNAM

LETTER OF IMPLEMENTATION NO. 81, February 12, 1979

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TO : The Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Acting Minister of the Budget

Heads of Ministries and Agencies with Staff Members Stationed Abroad

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1285 establishes the Foreign Service Compensation Plan for staff members of the national government who are stationed abroad;

WHEREAS, Letter of Implementation 63 provides the necessary rules and regulations to be observed in the payment of compensation for personnel of the national government stationed abroad;

WHEREAS, Section 4.3.2 of the aforesaid Letter of Implementation 63 authorizes the Permanent Committee created for the purpose of P.D. 1285 to recommend to the President/ Prime Minister such adjustments in the MFA Index as may be warranted by changes in the exchange rates and price levels in the affected post of assignment;

WHEREAS, in view of the continuing serious decline in the value of the United States dollar against such currencies as the Austrian schilling, Belgian franc, French franc, German Deutschemark, Japanese yen, Swiss franc and Vietnam dong, officers and employees of the Philippine Foreign Service establishments in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland and Vietnam have been experiencing serious financial difficulties resulting from the severe reduction in the purchasing power of the United States dollar;

WHEREAS, such losses in purchasing power are particularly onerous for officers and employees in the Foreign Service establishments above-mentioned due to the unusually high cost of living in those countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President/Prime Minister of the Philippines, do hereby approve the recommendation of the Permanent Committee to increase the MFA Index contained in Letter of Implementation 63 insofar as the overseas and living quarters allowances for the Foreign Service posts in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland and Vietnam are concerned, as follows:

Overseas Allowance

Living Quarters Allowance

Country and Post

From

To

From

To

Austria

Vienna

155%

185%

160%

185%

Belguim

Brussels

155

185

160

185

France

Paris

160

185

160

185

Germany

Bonn

160

195

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Hamburg

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195

Japan

Kobe

160

280

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280

Tokyo

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280

Switzerland

Berne

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225

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225

Geneva

160

235

160

235

Vietnam

Hanoi

100

115

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This Order shall take effect on 1 September 1978.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of February in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

President

Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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