

REVISING THE MFA INDICES ON OVERSEAS AND LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCES OF FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL

LETTER OF IMPLEMENTATION NO. 95, August 09, 1979

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TO : The Minister of Foreign Affairs

The 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 stationed abroad;

WHEREAS, Letter of Implementation No. 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 No. 63 authorizes the Permanent Committee created for the purpose of P.D. No. 1285 to recommend to the President/Prime Minister such adjustment in the MFA Index as may be warranted by changes in the exchange rates and price levels in the affected posts of assignment;

WHEREAS, in view of the continuing world-wide serious increase in price level and decline in the purchasing power of the United States dollar against certain currencies, the officers and employees of the Philippine Foreign Service have been experiencing financial difficulties;

WHEREAS, such losses in purchasing power are particularly onerous for officers and employees in the affected foreign service establishments due to the unusually high cost of living obtaining in the countries hereinafter listed:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS;, President/Prime Minister of the Philippines, do hereby approve the recommendation of the Permanent Committee to revise the MFA Index contained in Letter of Implementation No. 63, as follows:

Overseas Allowance

Living Quarter Allowances

Country and Post

From

To

From

To

Afghanistan Kabul

—

120%

—

130%

Argentina Buenos

Aires

105%

140

100%

140

Australia Canberra

125

140

130

160

Melbourne

—

140

—

140

Sydney

125

140

130

160

Austria Vienna

185

185

185

185

Bahrain

—

200

—

200

Belgium Brussels

185

185

185

185

Brazil Brasilia

125

150

140

160

Burma Rangoon

90

90

80

80

Bulgaria Sofia

—

130

—

130

Canada Ottawa

125

135

130

140

Toronto

—

135

—

140

Vancouver

125

135

125

140

Cuba Havana

100

120

100

140

Egypt Cairo

100

110

120

130

France Paris

185

185

185

185

Gabon Libreville

140

180

160

180

Federal Rep. Bad Godesberg

195

235

195

235

of Germany Hamburg

195

235

195

235

German Democratic Republic East Berlin

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Greece Athens

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140

—

130

Hongkong

120

140

130

150

India New Delhi

100

110

90

110

Indonesia Jakarta

115

130

130

140

Menado

95

100

90

90

Tarakan

90

95

90

90

Iran Teheran

125

140

150

160

Iraq Baghdad

—

150

—

140

Israel Tel-Aviv

120

140

130

160

Italy Rome

120

150

120

150

Holy See

120

150

120

150

Japan Tokyo

280

270

280

270

Kobe

280

270

280

270

Kenya Nairobi

100

120

120

130

Korea Seoul

110

120

120

130

Kuwait Kuwait

—

200

—

200

Laos Vientiane

130

130

80

80

Lebanon Beirut

—

180

—

160

Libya Tripoli

140

180

150

160

Malaysia Kuala Lumpur

115%

125%

120%

135%

Mexico Mexico City

100

130

100

130

Morocco Rabat

—

140

—

140

Netherlands The Hague

140

185

150

185

Nigeria Lagos

125

160

140

140

New Zealand Wellington

120

135

130

135

Norway Oslo

—

185

—

185

Pakistan Islamabad

100

110

110

120

Papua NG Port Moresby

120

130

130

140

People Rep. of China Peking

120

130

110

120

Poland Warsaw

—

130

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130

Romania Bucharest

120

120

130

130

Saudi Arabia Jeddah

150

160

140

170

Senegal Dakar

110

160

120

150

Singapore Singapore

115

130

120

135

Spain Madrid

120

150

120

140

Sri Lanka Colombo

90

100

90

110

Sudan Khartoum

—

145

—

135

Switzerland Berne

225

225

225

235

Geneva

235

235

235

235

Sweden Stockholm

—

185

—

185

Syria Damascus

—

110

—

130

Taiwan Taipei

—

120

—

120

Thailand Bangkok

115

120

120

125

United Arab Emirates Abu Dhabi

—

200

—

200

United Kingdom London

130

185

150

185

U.S.A Agana

120

130

120

140

San Francisco

120

130

120

140

Los Angeles

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130

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Seattle

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New Orleans

115

130

120

135

Chicago

120

140

120

145

Washington

120

140

130

150

Honolulu

120

135

120

135

Houston

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130

120

135

New York

120

140

130

150

USSR Moscow

135

150

130

145

Venezuela Caracas

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180

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180

Vietnam Hanoi

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110

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Yugoslavia Belgrade

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160

This Order shall take effect as of August 1, 1979.

Done in the City Manila, this 9th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

President

Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Assistant

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