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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 10
Series of 2017**

TO : ALL CONCERNED
SUBJECT : Suspension of Acceptance and Processing of New Overseas Employment Certificates.

Pursuant to Department Order No. 185, Series of 2017 dated November 9, 2017 issued by the Secretary of Labor, the acceptance and processing of new applications for Overseas Employment Certificates for land-based Overseas Filipino Workers including direct hire workers are suspended.

The following workers are excluded from the suspension:

- a. Workers hired by international organizations and members of the diplomatic corps including royal families;
- b. Seafarers hired by manning agencies;
- c. Returning workers or *Balik Manggagawa*; and,
- d. Government hired workers.

The suspension shall be effective for fifteen (15) working days from 13 November to 1 December 2017 subject to extension as circumstances may require.

In view of the suspension, all requests for processing received by the POEA Landbased Center from land-based recruitment agencies as of 11 November 2017 can be accommodated for processing and OEC issuance.

All concerned are enjoined to observe the guidelines annexed to this Memorandum Circular.

For the information of all concerned.


UNDERSECRETARY BERNARD P. OLALIA
Officer-in-Charge

November 10, 2017

Encl. As stated.

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IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

1. The cut-off date shall be November 12, 2017 at 2401 hours.
2. No new applications for OEC shall be accepted during the suspension period.
3. Government to government hiring shall be exempt from the suspension.
4. OEC applicants with working visas issued by employers as of/until 1700 hours, November 12, 2017 shall be not included in the suspension, provided that:
 - a. OEC applicants during the pendency of the suspension shall be required to submit their original visas or stamped passports clearly showing the date on which their visas were issued by the foreign issuing authority;
 - b. The visa must be accompanied by an English translation together with the official receipt;
 - c. No original visa stamped on the passport – no OEC approval;
 - d. All other visas issued during the effectivity of the suspension shall be held in abeyance until the lapse of the suspension order.
5. *Balik Manggagawa* or OFWs returning for vacation before or during the suspension.
6. These Guidelines shall be in effect during the suspension period.

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