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POEA allows return of OFWs to Libya

The Governing Board of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration has issued a resolution allowing the processing and deployment of Filipinos returning to their previous job in Libya.

In GB Resolution No. 1, series of 2019, the Board said the decision came after the Department of Foreign Affairs, with the concurrence of the National Security Council, lowered the Crisis Alert Level in Libya from Alert level 3 (Voluntary Repatriation Phase) to Level 2 (Restriction Phase).

The Overseas Filipino Workers Organization – Benghazi (OFWO-B) has previously appealed to the government to exclude professionals such as engineers, company workers, nurses and teachers from the travel ban to Libya.

The lifting of deployment ban does not include newly-hired workers and seafarers.

In November 2018, the POEA Board has issued Board Resolution No. 8 imposing a total deployment ban on the processing and deployment of newly-hired workers as well crew change and shore leave of Filipino seafarers to Libya but allowed the processing and deployment of returning workers under specified skill categories but subject to specific conditions.

Secretary Silvestre H. Bello, chairman of the POEA Governing Board signed the new resolution with POEA Administrator Bernard P. Olalia and board members Estrella S. Hizon, Alexander E. Asuncion, and Felix M. Oca.

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