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Advice for OFWs in Italy in view of the Nationwide Lockdown due to COVID-19

Italian Prime Minister Conte has extended the scope of the COVID-19 containment measures to include all of Italy. The decree shall restrict the movements of persons in the whole country, limiting only for proven urgent and essential travel for work and health reasons. The restriction will include not only international and domestic travel to and from Italy, but within regions as well.

In light of this development, OFWs in Italy are advised to defer their trips to the Philippines or outside Italy if the purpose is not urgent in nature. They are reminded to cooperate with the regulations in the decree effective from 10 March 2020 to 03 April 2020, unless otherwise declared:

1. Measures referred to art. 1 the March 8 decree are extended to the whole of the national territory:
 - a. Prohibit the entry and exit from the regional territories, as well as inside the same territory except for proven work needs or for emergencies and health reasons;
 - b. Those with symptoms of respiratory infection and fever greater than 37.5 degrees are strongly recommended to stay at home and to limit social contacts and to contact their doctor;
 - c. Absolute ban on mobility from one's home or dwelling for subjects subjected to the quarantine measure or virus positive results;
 - d. Activities in cinemas, theatres, pubs, dance schools, game rooms, bingo rooms, discos and similar premises are suspended, including opening of museum and other cultural institutes;
 - e. Ski resorts are closed;
 - f. Activities in schools and universities are suspended;
 - g. The opening of churches and other places of worship is conditional on the strict observance of the one (1) meter social distance;
 - h. Notwithstanding (g), civil and religious ceremonies are suspended, including funerals;
 - i. Restaurants, bars, and other public areas should follow the personal distance of at least one (1) meter;
 - j. Other commercial activities must operate on a quota basis or any suitable manner to avoid the gatherings of people, and the possibility to respect the on (1) meter social distance as required between visitors;
 - k. Suspension of gym activities.

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2. All forms of gathering of people in public spaces are prohibited in the whole of the national territory.
3. Sporting events and competitions of all types and disciplines are suspended, in public or private places. The sports facilities can be used, behind closed doors, only for the training sessions of athletes on the condition that they can respect the one (1) meter social distance.
4. **EFFECTS ON WORKERS Art. 1 (e)**
To promote the effectiveness of this decree, workers in the public and private sector are recommended the use of ordinary and vacation leaves.

The issuance of OECs at the Philippine Embassy in Rome and at POLO Milan is temporarily suspended until the nationwide quarantine period is rescinded. Applications for OEC shall be done in the Philippines, and only holders of the "Permesso di Soggiorno Labor Subordinato" or Permit to Stay for Work will require OECs upon their return to Italy.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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