

## ADVISORY No. 47 *Series of 2020*

### **Clarification on POEA GBR No. 9 Series of 2020 and IATF Resolution No. 23 Series of 2020 on the Deployment of Health Care Workers**

To support the national objective of controlling the spread of COVID-19 by regulating the deployment of Filipino health care workers through the mission critical skill (MCS) framework and to prioritize human resource allocation for the national health care system at the time of the national state of emergency, POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 09 Series of 2020 (GBR No. 9 Series of 2020) was issued on 02 April 2020. The said Resolution temporarily suspends the deployment of health care workers under the MCS, both for new hires and Balik-Manggagawa (BMs), until the national state of emergency is lifted in the Philippines and until COVID-19-related travel restrictions are lifted at the destination countries.

However, pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force-IED Resolution No. 23, Series of 2020 approved on 13 April 2020, “all medical and allied healthcare professionals with perfected and signed overseas employment contracts as of 08 March 2020 shall be allowed for deployment abroad upon the execution of the Declaration signifying their knowledge and understanding of the risks involved as advised by the Philippine government”.

As such, the following categories of health care workers shall be allowed to proceed to their overseas employment:

1. Balik Manggagawa/ returning health care workers with OEC Exemption certificates;
2. New hire health care workers hired through private recruitment agencies (PRAs) with issued overseas employment certificates (OECs) on or before March 8, 2020;
3. New hire health care workers under government-to-government hiring programs who signed contracts on or prior to March 8, 2020 and with issued OECs;

New hire health care workers through private recruitment agencies whose request for processing (RFP) documents were submitted to POEA on or before March 8, 2020 may be issued with OECs that would serve as their exit permit subject to applicable conditions set forth in POEA Memorandum Circular No. 7, Series of 2020 and GBR No. 9 Series of 2020 particularly those in compliance with the quarantine

protocols, social distancing measures, as well as departure and immigration procedures currently in place.

No health care workers shall be allowed for deployment to countries with travel restrictions in place.

It is further understood that excluded from the suspension covered by GBR No. 9 Series of 2020 are those outbound passengers who possess visas that are not regulated by the POEA such as those with US J1 visa, permanent residents, immigrants, or dual citizens of other countries.

Copies of the Declaration forms that shall be accomplished by the departing workers are attached hereto.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



BERNARD P. OLALIA  
Administrator

*20 April 2020*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

**DECLARATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of legal age, Filipino, single/married and a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, after having sworn to in accordance with law do hereby depose and say:

1. That I am a returning worker employed as *(occupation/job)* \_\_\_\_\_ in *(country/territory)* \_\_\_\_\_ for *(employer)* \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ and I have been working for this employer since \_\_\_\_\_;
2. That I went back to the Philippines for a vacation on \_\_\_\_\_ and I was scheduled to return to my employer on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ to resume my employment with \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_;
3. That I am fully informed by government authorities of the risk of exposure to the CoVID-19 in *(country/territory)* \_\_\_\_\_ by reporting to my workplace;
4. That, I shall comply with the prescribed medical and health protocols in the Philippines and of the *(country/territory)* \_\_\_\_\_ during my travel and stay in said country;
5. That I fully understand what I have signed and that no one forced or prompted me to execute this Declaration and that the foregoing statements are all facts.

IN **WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Affiant*

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the City/Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_.

**ADMINISTERING OFFICER**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_) S.S.

**DECLARATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of legal age, Filipino, single/married and a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, after having sworn to in accordance with law do hereby depose and say:

- 1. That I am a GPB-hired worker as (*occupation*) \_\_\_\_\_ for my employer \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;
- 2. That I shall willingly subject myself to prescribed health checks by concerned authorities in the Philippines and (*country/territory*) \_\_\_\_\_ during my travel to and from the latter;
- 3. That I am informed and made aware by government authorities that I am putting myself at potential risk of exposure to CoViD-19 by proceeding to (*country/territory*) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. That I fully understand what I have signed and that no one forced or prompted me to execute this Declaration and that the foregoing statements are all facts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Affiant*

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the City/Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_.

**ADMINISTERING OFFICER**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

**DECLARATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of legal age, Filipino, single/married and a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, after having sworn to in accordance with law do hereby depose and say:

- 1. That I am a newly-hired worker as (*occupation*) \_\_\_\_\_  
for employer \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
- \_\_\_\_\_;
- 2. That I am fully informed by government authorities of the risk of exposure to the CoVID-19 by reporting to my workplace;
- 3. That, I shall comply with the prescribed medical and health protocols in the Philippines and of the (country/territory) \_\_\_\_\_ during my travel and stay in said country;
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**ADMINISTERING OFFICER**