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Resumption of Entry of Filipino Migrant Workers in Taiwan

The Taiwan Central Epidemic Command Center has announced that Filipino migrant workers will be allowed to enter Taiwan starting on 15 February 2022. The Administration issued Memorandum Circular No. 6 Series of 2022 providing for guidelines on the resumption of the deployment of workers for Taiwan.

The following are the conditions set forth by the Taiwan authorities and the POEA for departing workers for Taiwan:

1. Departing workers must be fully inoculated against COVID-19 with recognize vaccines authorized for emergency use by Taiwan health authorities and the World Health Organization (WHO). Their vaccination certificate must be uploaded to the Ministry of Labor’s Immigration Service Airport Care Service Network for Overseas Migrant Workers (https://fwas.wda.gov.tg/), and must be checked and approved by the same;

2. As a condition for the entry of migrant workers, the Taiwan CECC released a Foreign Human Resources Agency Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist which provides for requirements that must be strictly complied with by the workers and that will be strictly monitored by the PRAs, the measures includes the following:
   a. The number of people trained by the training agency at any one time should be reduced by 50%;
   b. The number of people residing in accommodation arranged by the training agency should be reduced by 50%. Individual rooms should house a maximum of six people;
   c. Pre-approval from the ROC’s Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) of the PCR testing agency to be visited by foreign workers;
   d. Foreign workers should receive a PCR test three days prior to attending the training institute, and the test result must be negative;
   e. Foreign workers are required to observe self-health management measures for the seven days before they board a flight to Taiwan;
f. Foreign workers every arriving passenger is required to provide a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result that is based on specimen collection date within two days prior to the flight schedule time; and
g. Provision of one person per room quarantine living space for foreign nationals after receiving a PCR test and before boarding a plane to Taiwan.

3. Employers should arrange for the migrant workers to go to the epidemic prevention hotel for quarantine, and report to the municipal or county (city) government where the epidemic prevention hotel is located in advance for reference. After the migrant workers complete the 14-day quarantine, they should stay for 7 more days in the same anti-epidemic hotel for self-health management before going to the workplace.

The Administration will strictly monitor the compliance on the Foreign Human Resources Agency Pandemic Prevention Plan and Checklist by the departing workers and their respective Philippine Recruitment Agencies.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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