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DEFERMENT OF ACTION ON CONTRACTS OF FIRST-TIME AGENCY-HIRE DOMESTIC WORKERS BOUND FOR KUWAIT

In order to strengthen the protection of the rights of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Kuwait, particularly workers who are most vulnerable to abuse and exploitation, action on the applications of first-time agency-hire domestic workers bound for Kuwait is temporarily deferred effective immediately.

It is the utmost consideration of the Department to ensure the safety and well-being of workers with vulnerable occupations, particularly the first-time domestic workers, and that they are properly and promptly protected while deployed at the jobsite.

This measure is being undertaken in order to further ensure that the proper monitoring and reporting mechanisms are strengthened, and that a more efficient response system is established in Kuwait, especially in OFW welfare cases.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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