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ADVISORY TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Proclamation Nos. 929 and 922 (s. 2020) and Republic Act No. 11332, following the sharp increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases throughout the country, Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea issued a Memorandum directing the Bureau of Immigration among other agencies to adopt, coordinate and implement guidelines on the imposition of an Enhanced Community Quarantine and the Stringent Social Distancing Measures over the entire Luzon, including the National Capital Region (NCR), effective 00:00 (12a.m.) of 17 March 2020 and expiring on 00:00 (12a.m.) of 13 April 2020.

In this regard and in compliance to the foregoing directives, the following transactions at the BI offices in Luzon, including NCR are hereby temporarily suspended **except for outbound passengers intending to depart the Philippines** from any of the international airports in Luzon during the effectivity of the Enhanced Community Quarantine:

1. Filing of applications for extension of/conversion to non-immigrant/immigrant visa including hearing/interview;
2. Filing of applications regarding Filipino citizenship including RA 9225 including hearing/interview;
3. Filing for downgrading of visa status;
4. Filing for Extension of tourist visa;
5. Filing of applications for Special Work Permits/Provisional Work Permits;
6. Filing for the renewal of ACR I-Cards; and
7. Implementation of BOC approved visa applications for extension of/conversion to non-immigrant/immigrant visas.

All aliens whose visas will expire during the duration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine shall be allowed to file their applications for extension provided they file their applications within thirty (30) days from the lifting of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

The Bureau shall maintain its skeletal workforce to cater outbound passengers who intend to depart the Philippines during the Enhanced Community Quarantine period. Outbound passengers will be required to present their outbound tickets prior to entry at BI offices.

Kindly check the official website for further Advisories/Announcements.

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Commissioner