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FOR : ALL FOREIGN RECRUITMENT AGENCIES (FRAs)
ACCREDITED AT MWO HONG KONG

SUBJECT : EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF CONTRACT VERIFICATION
FOR AGENCY-HIRED OFWs

DATE : 4 AUGUST 2026

MWO Hong Kong has observed that some Foreign Recruitment Agencies (FRAs) have made repeated requests for expedited processing of the contract verification for agency-hired OFWs, which deviates from the original intention of the Office. These practices are not consistent with established verification procedure and affect the orderly implementation of regular processing.

In this regard, **effective 4 August 2026, expedited or priority handling is strictly limited to exceptional circumstances such as cases involving loss of life or critical health emergencies only, subject to submission of supporting documents and evaluation by the Office.**

FRAs and OFWs are reminded to comply with existing guidelines and ensure the completeness and accuracy of all submissions to avoid delays. Requests that do not fall under exceptional circumstances will be processed strictly in accordance with regular procedures.

Continued non-compliance may result in appropriate administrative measures consistent with applicable regulations. The Verification and Accreditation Unit (VAU) under the Labor and Employment Facilitation Section (LEFS), this Office, shall monitor and maintain a database of all requests for expedited or priority handling submitted by FRAs.

This Advisory is issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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