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TO : ALL CONCERNED REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN DOLE AND ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITIES

DATE : 23 NOVEMBER 2021

This refers to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between DOLE and Economic Zone Authorities (ECOZONE) which took effect on 30 September 2021.

The MOA endeavors to foster a cohesive collaborative action in carrying out government laws, policies, rules, and regulations in the issuance of permits and visas indispensably necessary in the employment of foreign nationals by Philippine-based employers located within the economic zones.

In this regard, all concerned DOLE Regional Offices (ROs) with existing economic zones within their jurisdiction are hereby enjoined to implement the MOA with emphasis on the following:

- *Applications for AEP, Certificate of Exclusion and Certificate of Exemption must have a written endorsement of the ECOZONE, if applicable, to the DOLE-ROs concerned;*
- *Foreign nationals granted an exemption by the ECOZONE, by virtue of its charter or law, **shall be required to secure a Certificate of Exemption** from DOLE in accordance with existing guidelines;*
- *Coordinate with the ECOZONES on the conduct of joint inspection comprising DOLE, Bureau of Immigration, and Bureau of Internal Revenue to monitor compliance to labor, immigration, and tax policies, when necessary.*
- *Oblige the ECOZONES to submit of quarterly reports to the DOLE – ROs, copy furnished the Bureau of Local Employment through **ecozonereports.dole@gmail.com**, containing the list of employed foreign workers as well as enterprises and contractors/locators located within their areas of jurisdiction.*

For compliance.


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