

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5, December 09, 2010]

ADOPTION AND USE OF ISO CODES PH AND PHL FOR THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is a network of national standards institutes with a Central Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland, that coordinates the system;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a member of the ISO;

WHEREAS, the ISO developed ISO 3166-1 assigning two-letter (alpha-2) and three-letter (alpha-3) codes for member countries, and the codes assigned to the Philippines are PH and PHL, respectively;

WHEREAS, these codes are used in international events and conferences, sports meets, airline ticketing, among others, abroad and in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Department of Foreign Affairs has adopted and reflected the ISO three-letter codes, notably PHL standing for the Philippines, in the data page of the electronic passport;

WHEREAS, the use of initials RP in referring to the Philippines is not in accordance with the ISO 3166-1, leading to ambiguity and confusion;

WHEREAS, such ambiguity and confusion when referring to the Philippines by the use of initials can be avoided by following the codes assigned to the Philippines by ISO;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby direct all offices, agencies and other instrumentalities of the Philippine Government to adopt and use, as soon as practicable, the ISO two-letter code PH or three-letter code PHL is referring to the Philippines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

(Sgd.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO III

By the President: