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AUTHORITY TO ISSUE EMIGRATION CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) AT INTERNATIONAL PORTS OF EXIT

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WHEREAS, foreign nationals with Temporary Visitor's Visa (TVV) who stayed in the country for six (6) months or more are required to secure an Emigration Clearance Certification (ECC) before they are allowed to depart from the Philippines;

WHEREAS, under present regulations, ECCs are only issued at the Bureau of Immigration (BI) Main Office, through the Alien Registration Division (ARD), and Sub-Port Offices;

WHEREAS, statistics show that the primary reason for deferred departure of foreign nationals is their failure to secure an ECC prior to their intended departure;

WHEREAS, the incidence of deferred departures of foreign nationals shall substantially decrease if BI offices at the international ports of exit are authorized to issued ECCs and will facilitate their travel;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to book IV, Chapter 6, sections 29 and 36(2) of Executive Order No. 292, as amended, otherwise known as the "*Administrative Code of 1987*", in relation to Section 3 of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended, otherwise known as the "*Philippine Immigration Act of 1940*", the following rules are hereby ordered:

Section 1. Issuance of ECC at the International Port of Exit. – An Emigration Clearance Certificate may be issued to a foreign national at the international port of exit who:

- a) Is leaving the country within twenty-four (24) hours and with Boarding Pass;
- b) Stayed in the Philippines for six (6) months but not more than one (1) year;
- c) Is a holder of a valid Temporary Visitor's Visa (TVV);
- d) Has no pending obligation with the Government, its instrumentalities, agencies and subdivisions, and has no pending criminal civil or administrative action which by law requires his presence in the Philippines; and
- e) Is registered under the Alien registration Program (ARP) and was issued a Special security Registration Number (SSRN).