

**[ DOJ MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 8, July 10, 2009 ]**

**CONSTITUTING AN AIRPORT OPERATIONS DIVISION (AOD) IN THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Immigration (BI) is principally responsible for the administration and enforcement of immigration, citizenship and alien admission and registration laws, with the Immigration Commissioner exercising overall authorities in matters within the Bureau's jurisdiction, including those relating to its operations and the enforcement of all laws and regulations pertaining thereto (*Commonwealth Act No. 613, otherwise known as the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940, as amended; Section 29, Chapter 6, Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987, Executive Order (EO) No. 292, series of 1987*).

WHEREAS, with the Philippines' assent to the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the passage of various legislations, notably the Anti-Human Trafficking Act, the Migrant Workers Act, and the Human Security Act, as well as the issuance of Executive Order No. 759, series of 2008, creating the Task Force Against illegal Recruitment (TFAIR), the Bureau of Immigration is mandated to assume additional multifarious functions, duties and responsibilities, particularly in the country's international ports of entry and exit.

WHEREAS, the Bureau has implemented a program aimed at decentralizing its powers and functions to specific geographical areas, sub-ports, extension and satellite offices and has likewise streamlined its procedures and systems for effective monitoring and efficient delivery of immigration services;

WHEREAS, the existing organizational structure of the BI is no longer responsive to the expanding role of the agency and the institutional and organizational changes adopted and implemented;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Justice, as *alter ego* of the President of the Republic of the Philippines, exercises supervision and control over the Bureau of Immigration as an agency of the Department of Justice (*Section 6 and 7, Chapter 2 and Section 39, Chapter 8, Book IV, E.O. 292, series of 1987; Chapter 1, Title III, Book IV, EO 292, series of 1987; Villena v. Secretary of the Interior, 67 Phil. 451, 464 [1939]*);

WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered and pursuant to the provisions of *Section 7 (3 & 4), Chapter 2, and Section 20 (3), Chapter 4 of Book IV, Executive Order No. 292, series of 1987, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, in relation to Section 3 of C.A. No. 613, otherwise known as the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940, as amended*, subject to existing laws, and as recommended by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration, the following are hereby ordered promulgated:

*SECTION 1. Creation* - There is hereby created and constituted in the Bureau of Immigration, an **AIRPORT OPERATIONS DIVISION (AOD)**