

**[ POEA GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 12,  
S. 2013, December 10, 2013 ]**

**RE-IMPOSING A TOTAL BAN ON THE PROCESSING AND  
DEPLOYMENT OF ALL OFWS TO YEMEN, BOTH RETURNING AND  
NEWLY HIRED**

WHEREAS, POEA Advisory No. 06, Series of 2011 issued on 22 February 2011 effectively deferred the processing and deployment of all OFWs bound for Yemen (Libya and Bahrain included) in view of the unstable political and security conditions obtaining in the said countries;

WHEREAS, POEA Advisory No. 17, Series of 2011 dated 06 April 2011 was issued, lowering the alert level in Yemen from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2, effectively allowing the processing and deployment of vacationing workers to Yemen, subject to certain requirements set by the POEA;

WHEREAS, POEA Advisory No. 24, Series of 2011 dated 25 May 2011 was subsequently issued pursuant to the DFA travel advisory dated 24 May 2011 raising the crisis alert level in Yemen to Alert Level 3 in the light of continuing political tension and escalating violence in the capital city of Sana'a, which effectively reinstated the deployment ban on Yemen for all overseas Filipino workers;

WHEREAS, on 12 January 2012, the Office of the President approved the DFA recommendation to lower the crisis Alert Level in Yemen from Alert Level 4 in Sana'a and Alert Level 3 for the rest of Yemen to Alert Level 2 all over Yemen in the light of improved political and security situation in the country;

WHEREAS, POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 02, Series of 2012 dated 03 February 2012 was issued to allow the redeployment of returning workers to Yemen while maintaining the deployment ban for newly hired workers bound for that country;

WHEREAS, POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 02, Series of 2013 dated 27 February 2013 was further issued effectively allowing the processing and deployment of all OFWs, both returning and newly hired, to Yemen on the basis of a communication dated 29 January 2013 from the DFA informing the DOLE that it is lowering the Alert Level in Yemen from Alert Level 2 to Alert Level 1 in the light of the current security situation in the said country;

WHEREAS, the DFA, in its communication dated 09 December 2013 informed the DOLE that it has again raised the alert level in Yemen to Alert Level 3 due to the escalation of domestic violence in the country in the aftermath of the 05 December 2013 attack on the Yemeni Ministry of Defense that killed fifty-two (52) people, which included seven (7) Filipinos and leaving eleven (11) Filipino workers injured in the said attack.