

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 32, June 04, 1954]

REQUIRING ALL OFFICIALS CONCERNED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE ENTRY AND DEPARTURE OF TOURISTS AND PROSPECTIVE FOREIGN INVESTORS.

In pursuance of and to help carry out more effectively the announced policy of the Government of promoting tourism and inviting foreign investments in productive enterprises in the Philippines, the heads of the various executive departments, bureaus and offices concerned are hereby directed to take immediate steps, consistent with existing laws, to amend, modify or implement, as the case may be, the regulations presently enforced by their respective offices with a view to eliminating unnecessary restrictions and cumbersome requirements governing the entry, stay and departure of nonimmigrants described in Sections 9(a) and 9(g) of the Immigration Act of 1940, as amended, including special quota immigrants who were admitted under Article VI(b) of the Executive Agreement entered into between the Philippines and the United States on July 4, 1946.

Specifically, the officials concerned are directed, with regard to the aforementioned classes of aliens desiring entry into the Philippines:

(1) To simplify and, if possible, to consolidate the prescribed (a) visa, (b) customs, and (c) foreign exchange application forms, as well as the procedures being observed for the issuance thereof;

(2) To dispense with the requirement for visa applicants to present police clearance and evidence of financial support as well as to appear personally at the Philippine consular office in which their applications for entry are pending consideration, except in cases which clearly warrant compliance with said requirement;

(3) To observe a more rigid selection and training of the personnel in the various Philippine foreign service establishments abroad assigned to receive and process visa applications with a view to insuring stricter compliance with existing Foreign Service rules and regulations designed to secure greater efficiency and courtesy in the performance of their work.

For the same purpose, the officials concerned are likewise directed, with regard to the aforementioned classes of aliens departing from the Philippines:

1. To simplify immigration and tax clearance application forms and to expedite the processing and issuing thereof by having these service performed by the officials and employees of the offices concerned at the premises of the Bureau of Immigration.

2. To dispense with the requirement for the presentation of foreign exchange and all security clearances, including those from the Manila Police Department and City Fiscal's Office, the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency; and