

[**BOI Immigration Memorandum Circular No. SBM-2015-008, September 01, 2015**]

RULES FOR RETURNED PASSENGERS

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WHEREAS, certain passengers are returned to the country (i) after being denied admission at the port of entry; (ii) due to repatriation or deportation; or (iii) without passport or are only using travel or identity documents;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish rules to govern the treatment of returned passengers;

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 are hereby promulgated:

Section 1. Coverage. – The term "*returned passenger*" shall include, but not be limited to:

a. Philippine citizens who are –

- i. Denied entry to or admission at a port of entry, also referred to as "*airport to airport*" or "*A to A*" passengers;
- ii. Voluntarily or involuntarily repatriated;
- iii. Returned to the Philippines without a passport or used only travel or identity documents; or
- iv. Deported to the Philippines; and

b. Foreign nationals denied entry to or admission at a port of entry.

Section 2. Notice of Arrival of Returned Passenger; Duty of Airline Agent. – Within one (1) hour before actual arrival, the airline company representative shall submit to the Arrival Area's Duty Immigration Supervisor (AADIS) a certified *Report of Returned Passengers* (PRR) containing, among others:

- a. Passenger Name;
- b. Flight Number;
- c. Date of Return to the Philippines;
- d. Port of Origin; and