

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
MAGALLANES DRIVE, INTRAMUROS
1002 MANILA

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. SBM-2015-026

LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS MAY BE ADMITTED INTO
THE COUNTRY WITH PASSPORTS OF LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS
VALIDITY FROM DATE OF ARRIVAL

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice (DOJ) issued Department Circular No. 032 effective 15 July 2015 allowing entry of foreign nationals with passports or official travel documents of less than six (6) months validity from date of arrival provided that:

- a. They are nationals from countries allowed entry to the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding thirty (30) days under Executive Order No. 408 and the appropriate Foreign Service Circular (FSC) issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA);
- b. Their embassy or consulate located in the Philippines are authorized to renew or extend the validity of their passport or official travel document; and
- c. There exists no other ground to deny them entry into the Philippines under existing laws, rules and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the above-cited Department Circular No. 032, in relation to the rule-making authority of the Commissioner of Immigration under Section 3 of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended, the following is the list of countries whose nationals may be admitted into the country with passports or official travel documents of less than six (6) months validity from date of arrival:

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| 1. Angola | 22. Korea |
| 2. Argentina | 23. Kuwait |
| 3. Australia | 24. Laos |
| 4. Austria | 25. Mexico |
| 5. Belgium | 26. Myanmar |
| 6. Benin | 27. Netherlands |
| 7. Brazil | 28. New Zealand |
| 8. Cambodia | 29. Niger |
| 9. Canada | 30. Papua New Guinea |
| 10. Chile | 31. Peru |
| 11. Cyprus | 32. Portugal |
| 12. Ecuador | 33. Romania |
| 13. France | 34. Saudi Arabia |
| 14. Germany | 35. Singapore |
| 15. Greece | 36. Spain |
| 16. Iceland | 37. Switzerland |
| 17. Indonesia | 38. Thailand |
| 18. Ireland | 39. Turkey |
| 19. Israel | 40. United States of America |
| 20. Italy | 41. Venezuela |
| 21. Japan | |

The Bureau of Immigration National Operations Center (BINOC) shall regularly update the above list by confirming with all embassies and consulates located in the Philippines on their authority to renew or extend the validity of passports or official travel documents of their respective nationals and, on the basis thereof, recommended to the Commissioner any addition or deletion thereto.

This Operations Order shall take effect immediately.

Furnish a copy of this Order to the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), U.P Law Center, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.

03 August 2015

Signed
SIEGFRED B. MISON
Commissioner

30 June 2015

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 032

SUBJECT: PASSPORT VALIDITY OF FOREIGN NATIONALS

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 408 dated 9 November 1960, provides for a more expeditious system and simple form of travel documentation with a view to establishing a competitive position for the Philippines in international tourism and for the purpose of encouraging and facilitating foreign tourist travel to the Philippines.

WHEREAS, under Administrative Order No. 142 dated 23 August 1994, the Secretary of Justice or his duly-authorized representative is authorized to act on immigration matters, including waiver of visas and admission of aliens, except deportation matters.

WHEREAS, Foreign Service Circular No. 95-2014 of the Department of Foreign Affairs provides for the waiver of Philippine visa for foreign nationals for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days provided these foreign nationals are holders of a passport valid for at least six (6) months, beyond their contemplated period of stay in Manila and a return ticket to their next country of destination.

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as a signatory to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention, signed on 1 March 1947), undertakes to establish immigration procedures affecting international air navigation in accordance with the international best practices which may be established or recommended.

WHEREAS, Annex 9 (Facilitation) of the Chicago Convention provides as Standard and Recommended Practices on Traveler Identification and Border Control, that Contracting States shall not require visitors travelling by air, rightfully holding valid passports recognize by the receiving State and holding valid visas, where appropriate, to present any other document of identity.

WHEREAS, to allow foreign nationals to enter into the country with passports of less than six (6) months validity from date of arrival will further facilitate the entry of foreign arrivals, yet pose minimal risk to national security, public safety, public health and the general welfare as there are existing operational mechanisms to protect the country's national interests.

WHEREAS, in the interest of service and subject to existing laws and pursuant to the mandate of the Department of Justice to provide immigration and naturalization regulatory services, implement the laws governing citizenship and to administer and enforce immigration laws and admission of foreigners to the Philippines through the Bureau of Immigration (BI), the following guidelines on the travel documents of foreign nationals entering the Philippines are hereby promulgated:

1. For the purposes of this Circular, "travel document" shall mean a passport or official document of identity issued by a State or organization, which may be used by the rightful holder for international travel.¹

¹ Annex 9 (Facilitation), Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention, 1944)

2. Foreign nationals from countries allowed entry to the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding thirty (30) days under Executive Order No. 408 and the appropriate Foreign Service Circulars issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs, with valid passports or official travel documents upon arrival may be admitted into the country provided that:

- (a) The foreign embassy or consulate located in the Philippines are authorized to renew or extend the validity of their passport; and
- (b) There exists no exists no other ground to deny entry into the Philippines under existing laws, rules and regulations.

This Circular shall take effect on 15 July 2015.

Signed
LEILA M. DE LIMA
Secretary

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OPERATIONS ORDER NO. SBM-2015-035

**INCLUSION OF UNITED KINGDOM IN THE
LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS MAY
BE ADMITTED WITH PASSPORTS OF LESS
THAN SIX MONTHS VALIDITY FROM DATE OF
ARRIVAL**

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WHEREAS, on 3 August 2015, the Bureau of Immigration issued Operations Order No. SBM-2015-026 on *List of Countries Whose Nationals May BE Admitted Into the Country with Passports Less than Six (6) Months Validity From Date of Arrival*.

WHEREAS, Operations Order No. SBM-2015-026 provided that the list shall be regularly updated.

WHEREAS, the British Embassy, Manila requested for inclusion of United Kingdom in the subject list citing its capability to issue Emergency Passports.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the rule-making authority of the Commissioner of Immigration under relevant immigration laws, the following shall be observed:

United Kingdom nationals may be admitted into the Philippines with passports or official travel documents of less than six (6) months validity from date of arrival.

Furnish a copy of this Order to the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), U.P. Law Center, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City.

23 October 2015

Signed
SIEGFRED B. MISON
Commissioner

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OPERATIONS ORDER NO. SBM-2015-038

**INCLUSION OF CZECH REPUBLIC IN THE
LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS
MAY BE ADMITTED WITH PASSPORTS OF
LESS THAN SIX MONTHS VALIDITY
FROM DATE OF ARRIVAL**

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WHEREAS, on 3 August 2015, the Bureau of Immigration issued Operations Order No. SBM-2015-026 on *List of Countries Whose Nationals May Be Admitted Into the Country with Passports Less than Six (6) Months Validity From Date of Arrival*.

WHEREAS, Operations Order No. SBM-2015-026 provided that the list shall be regularly upgraded.

WHEREAS, the Embassy OF Czech Republic in Manila requested for inclusion of their nationals in the subject list citing its capability to issue regular and emergency Passports.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the rule-making authority of the Commissioner of Immigration under relevant immigration laws, the following shall be observed:

Czech Republic nationals maybe admitted into the Philippines with passports or official travel documents of less than six (6) months validity from date of arrival.

Furnish a copy of this Order to the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), U.P. Law Center, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City.

04 November 2015

Signed
SIEGFRED B. MISON
Commissioner



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OPERATIONS ORDER NO. JHM-2017 - 007

INCLUSION OF NORWAY IN THE LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS MAYBE ADMITTED WITH PASSPORT OF LESS THAN SIX MONTHS VALIDITY FROM DATE OF ARRIVAL

WHEREAS, on 03 August 2015 the Bureau of Immigration issued Operations Order No. SBM-2015-026 on List of Countries Whose Nationals May be Admitted into the Country With Passports of less than six (6) Months Validity from date of arrival.

WHEREAS, Operations Order No. SBM-2015-026 provided that the list shall be regularly upgraded.

WHEREAS, the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Manila in their 23 June 2017 letter requested for the inclusion of their nationals in the subject list citing its authority to renew passports or official travel documents or issue emergency passports to their respective nationals in the Philippines.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the rule-making authority of Commissioner of Immigration under relevant immigration laws, the following shall be observed:

Norwegian (NOR) nationals maybe admitted into the Philippines with passports or official travel documents of less than six (6) months validity from the date of arrival.

Furnish a copy of this Order to the Office of the National Administrative Registrar (ONAR), U.P. Law Center, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City.

JUL 31 2017


JAIME H. MORENTE *JH*
Commissioner

