

**Bureau of Immigration**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. RADJR NO. 013**

**SIX (6) MONTHS VALIDITY OF PASSPORTS**

1. This supplements Memorandum dated 14 January 2011.
2. For uniformity in the implementation of the requirement for travellers to hold passports with six (6) months validity when travelling to the Philippines, as stated in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Service Circular No.21-10 dated 22 February 2010, passengers shall be refused into the Philippines if their passport validity is less than six (6) months.
3. The following shall, however, be exempt from this rule:
  - a. Philippine passport holders;
  - b. Former Filipinos and their dependents (i.e, immediate family members)
  - c. Permanent Residents and other special visa categories requiring temporary residence
    - a. (with valid ACR 1-Cards);
  - d. Holders of diplomatic, official, and government passports.
  - e. Holders of visas under Section 9 (except Sec. 9(a) and 47 of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as ammended, and special non-immigrant visas under special laws, where the validity of such visas extend beyond the expiration of their passports and there is an Embassy or Consulate in the Philippines of which they are a citizen or subject (with valid ACR-1-Cards, where applicable); and
  - f. For humanitarian consideration, as determined by the Commissioner.

The Chiefs of the Immigration regulation Division, Airport Operations Division, Administrative Division and Information and Communication Technology Section shall ensure compliance of this Memorandum.