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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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### ADVISORY TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to President Rodrigo R. Duterte's approval of the re-imposition of **MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ)** over Metro Manila, Laguna, Cavite, Rizal, and Bulacan from **04 to 18 August 2020**, please be informed that BI Offices located in the abovementioned areas will be operating at a **reduced manpower capacity/skeletal workforce**.

**Confirmed Online Appointment of Clients during the period of 04 to 18 August 2020 are hereby suspended.** Clients are advised to reapply once the MECQ is lifted. **During the duration of MECQ, slots in the Online Appointment System are solely intended for outbound passengers intending to depart the Philippines/ clients who will be securing an Emigration Clearance Certificate (ECC).** Outbound passengers will be required to present their outbound tickets prior to entry in the BI premises.

Relative thereto, the following transactions are hereby temporarily suspended **except for outbound passengers intending to depart the Philippines** from any of the international airports in Luzon during the effectivity of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine:

1. Filing of applications for extension of/conversion to non-immigrant visa including hearing/interview;
2. Filing of applications regarding Filipino citizenship including RA 9225, hearing and interview;
3. Filing for downgrading of visa status;
4. Filing for Extension of Tourist visa;
5. Filing of applications for Special Work Permits/Provisional Work Permits;
6. Filing for the renewal of ACR I-Cards; and
7. Implementation of BOC approved visa applications for extension of/conversion to non-immigrant/immigrant visa.

All aliens whose visas will expire during the duration of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine are directed to pay their visa extensions at the airport provided overstaying shall be less than six (6) months.

For everyone's information.

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**SIGNED**  
**JAIME H. MORENTE**  
*Commissioner*