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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2019-31

TO : ALL PSA REGIONAL DIRECTORS
: ALL PSA PROVINCIAL STATISTICS OFFICERS
: ALL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
: ALL PSA EMPLOYEES
: AND ALL SOLEMNIZING OFFICERS

SUBJECT : Deletion of Item 12 of the Office Memorandum No. 2017-058
"Guidelines in the Processing of Application for CRASM and
other SOIS Concerns".

DATE : 12 November 2019

Office Memorandum No. 2017-058 entitled "Guidelines in the Processing of Application for CRASM and other SOIS Concerns", set the standard implementation of the IRR on the registration of authority to solemnize marriage of SOs. Item 12 of this Office Memorandum states that:

"Intra-corporate disputes in the religious sect – No cancellation and no processing of applications shall be done until dispute is settled between the concerned parties".

Several applications and renewal of CRASMs are put on hold by the Regional Directors of PSA on the basis of Office Memorandum 2017-058.

In *Jamias vs Rodriguez, et al.*¹, the Supreme Court ruled:

"That until the pending litigation as to who is who within the Philippine Independent Church is finally decided, the respondent Director of Public Libraries has a ministerial duty to issue authorization to solemnize marriages to the bishops and priests of the group headed by Bishop J. J. As bishops and priests for the Philippine Independent Church"

Considering that item 12 of Office Memorandum No. 2017-058 was put into issue regarding the intra-corporate dispute in the religious sect, the said item is hereby **"DELETED"** in reference to the Supreme Court ruling that the issuance of authorization to solemnize marriages is a ministerial duty on the part of the proper government issuing authority.² Application and Renewal of CRASM should not be

¹ G.R. No. L-2133, July 22, 1948

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disturbed provided that the applicants can comply with the requirements endowed with under Administrative Order No. 7 Series of 2007. All pending applications that put on hold on the basis of item 12 of OM No. 2017-058 be processed provided that the applicant comply with all the requirements.

For information and strict compliance of all concerned.


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