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PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020- 16

TO : ALL SHARI'A CLERK OF COURT/CIRCUIT
REGISTRAR, CITY/MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRARS
(C/MCRs)

SUBJECT : Rules on the Registration of Muslim Marriages

DATE : 29 June 2020

It has come to our attention that some local civil registrars are not properly guided as to the rules on registration of Muslim marriages considering that they still register Muslim marriages within their jurisdiction although Shari'a Courts are functioning.

Article 81 of Presidential Decree No. 1083 (*Decree to Ordain and Promulgate a Code Recognizing the System of Filipino Muslim Laws, Codifying Muslim Personal Laws, and Providing for its Administration and for Other Purposes*) expressly provides that:

“Article 81. District Registrar. The Clerk of Court of the Shari' a District Court shall, in addition to his regular functions, act as District Registrar of Muslim Marriages, Divorces, Revocations of Divorces, and Conversions within the territorial jurisdiction of said court. The Clerk of Court of the Shari'a Circuit Court shall act as Circuit Registrar of Muslim Marriages, Divorces, Revocations of Divorces, and Conversions within his jurisdiction.”

Also, Rule 9, paragraph 2 of Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2005 (*Rules and Regulations Governing Registration of Acts and Events Concerning Civil Status of Muslim Filipinos*) states that:



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“2. Marriage among Muslim Filipinos performed under their customs, traditions, rites and practices shall be reported

within thirty (30) days after the date of marriage by the officiating person, or in his default, by the parties to the marriage for registration, to the Circuit Registrar of the city or municipality where the Shari’a Circuit Court exists. Where there is no Shari’a Circuit Court, marriages among Muslim Filipinos shall be registered at the Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO) where the marriage was celebrated with the annotation that the marriage is in accordance with P.D. 1083 both in the Certificate of Marriage and the Marriage Register.”

In this connection, the Philippine Statistics Authority reiterates the mandates of the above stated provisions and issues this memorandum to further guide the local civil registrars as to the rules on the registration of Muslim marriages.

For your information and strict compliance.



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