



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2017- 07

TO : All City/Municipal Civil Registrars/Officers-in Charge
SUBJECT : Termination of Any Contract or Agreement with Family Search on the Digitization of Civil Registry Documents
DATE : 18 May 2017

In compliance with Republic Act No. 10173 (Data Privacy Act of 2012), all Local Civil Registry Offices (LCROs) with existing agreement or contract through a Memorandum of Agreement with the Family Search International (FSI) relative to digitization of civil registry documents are advised to stop or cease the implementation of the said agreement effective immediately. Unauthorized disclosure of personal information of an individual is considered a violation of RA 10173.

Digital images of civil registry documents scanned by the FSI are made available to the public without consent of the document owner. The document owner must have consented or agreed thereto, otherwise, their right to privacy may be infringed.

Therefore, proposed agreements or contracts with FSI regarding the digitization of civil registry documents are hereby disallowed. Similarly, the agreements or contracts with the Local Government Units through the LCROs with the FSI must also be immediately terminated.

For your information and guidance.

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