



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

**PSA Board Resolution No. 07
Series of 2017**

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR
COUNTING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS**

WHEREAS, there is a critical demand for comprehensive, harmonized and reliable stock estimates and flows of Overseas Filipinos (OFs) and International Migrants (IMs), measurement of which should be addressed and guided by an operational framework;

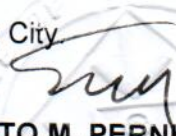
WHEREAS, PSA Board Resolution No. 01 Series of 2017-144, approved and adopted the Operational Framework for Counting OFs;

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Migration Statistics (IACMS) amended the Framework in order to capture both the stock and flows of OFs and IMs in a more comprehensive structure, ensuring further that the Amended Operational Framework for Counting Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants is in accordance with the United Nations Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, 2008 Systems of National Accounts, and the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, 6th edition;

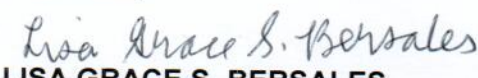
WHEREAS, the IACMS prepared the definition of terms and metadata for the Amended Operational Framework for Counting Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the PSA Board approve and adopt the Amended Operational Framework for Counting Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants as shown in Annex BR 07-20170518-01, the definition of terms as shown in Annex BR 07- 20170518-02 and the metadata shown in Annex BR 07-20170518-03, for adoption of the Philippine Statistical System in general, and in particular by the PSA, the National Economic and Development Authority, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, the Bureau of Immigration, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and other concerned government agencies, and the academe such as the University of the Philippines Population Institute.

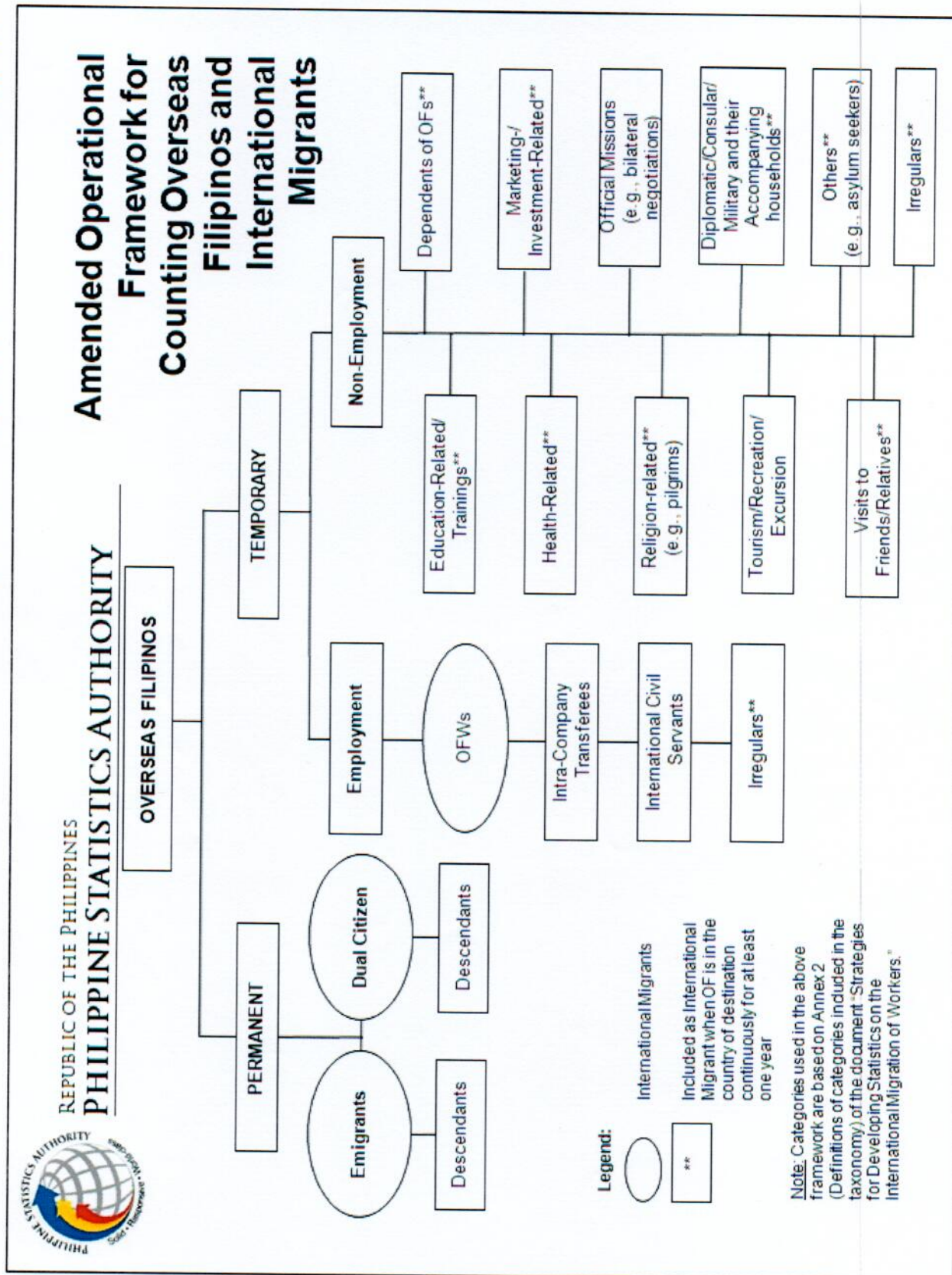
Approved this 18th day of May 2017, in Pasig City


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THE AMENDED OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COUNTING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS



DEFINITION OF TEMRS USED IN THE AMENDED OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

NO.	Term	Definition	
1	FILIPINOS	See Item 1, Annex BR-08-20170518-01, PSA Board Resolution No. 08 Series of 2017 Approving and Adopting the Official Concepts and Definitions on Internal and International Migration for Statistical Purposes	Article IV of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic Philippines
2	OVERSEAS FILIPINOS	Filipinos who are outside of the Philippines.	Definition by the IACMS
3	PERMANENT OVERSEAS FILIPINOS	Overseas Filipinos, including their descendants, with permanent residence or naturalized status in other countries. Note: <i>Naturalized includes those with dual citizenship.</i>	Country Migration Report - The Philippine 2013
4	EMIGRANTS	Filipinos who left the Philippines to take up permanent residence in another country, state or territory during a specified period of observation. Note: <i>Number of emigrants processed by Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO)</i>	Siegel and Swanson (2004) definition localized to Philippine setting
5	FILIPINO DUAL CITIZENS	Natural-born Filipinos who are simultaneously citizens of the Philippines and another country. Note: <i>Excludes foreigners who are naturalized Filipinos.</i>	R.A. 9225, the Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003
6	DESCENDANTS	A descendant is a person born and staying overseas whose father and/or mother was a Filipino citizen at the time of his/her birth Note: <i>Births reported in Philippine embassies or consulates may serve as indicator for this.</i>	US Legal with some modifications by IACMS
7	TEMPORARY OVERSEAS FILIPINOS	Overseas Filipinos who temporarily stay overseas for employment or non-employment reasons Note: <i>Temporary may be classified in terms of intention of stay, includes students, OFWs and missionaries</i>	Country Migration Report - The Philippine 2013
8	EMPLOYMENT-RELATED REASONS	Situations in which Filipino moves to another country or territory, for the purpose of exercising an economic activity remunerated from within the receiving country or territory, including travel on official assignment with international organizations. Note: <i>Excluding dependents</i>	Annex 2 D.11, D.12 of Strategies for Developing Statistics on the International Migration of Workers (Joint UN ECFE-EUROSTAT)
9	OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (Resident/ Non-Resident)	Filipino migrant workers whether regular or irregular.	Annex 2 D.11 localized to Philippine setting
10	INTRA-COMPANY TRANSFEREES (Resident/ Non-Resident)	Filipinos who transfer from one country or territory to another under the internal direction of a transnational company or its subsidiary with which they continue to do remunerative work	Annex 2 D.11 localized to Philippine setting
11	INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS (Resident/ Non-Resident)	Filipinos engaged to work in another state or territory as official or staff of the secretariat of the United Nations, its subsidiary bodies or specialized agencies, or other inter-governmental organizations.	Annex 2 D.12 localized to Philippine setting

NO.	Term	Definition	
12	NON-EMPLOYMENT RELATED REASONS	Situation in which Filipinos depart to work abroad either for personal or business purposes.	Definition by the IACMS
13	FILIPINO CITIZENS DEPARTING FOR EDUCATION-RELATED/TRAININGS	Filipinos departing to study/to be trained abroad under special permits or visas allowing them to undertake a specific course of study in an accredited institution of the receiving country.	Annex 2 D.9, D.10 localized to Philippine setting
14	FILIPINO CITIZENS DEPARTING FOR HEALTH-RELATED REASONS	Filipinos departing as tourists for purposes of health or medical treatment. They must spend at least a night in a collective or private accommodation in the receiving country and their duration of stay must not exceed 12 months.	Annex 2 B.4 localized to Philippine setting
15	FILIPINO CITIZENS DEPARTING FOR RELIGION-RELATED (e.g., pilgrims) reasons	Filipinos departing as tourists admitted under tourist visas (if required) for purposes of religious pilgrimage. They must spend at least a night in a collective or private accommodation in the receiving country and their duration of stay must not exceed 12 months.	Annex 2 B.4 localized to Philippine setting
16	FILIPINO CITIZENS DEPARTING FOR TOURISM/ RECREATION/ EXCURSION	Filipinos departing as excursionists who visit the receiving country for a day without spending the night in a collective or private accommodation within the country visited and their duration of stay must not exceed 12 months. This category includes cruise passengers who arrive in a country on a cruise ship and return to the ship each night to sleep on board as well as crew members who do not spend the night in the country. It also includes residents of border areas who visit the neighbouring country during the day to shop, visit friends or relatives, seek medical treatment or participate in leisure activities.	Annex 2 B.3 localized to Philippine setting
17	FILIPINO CITIZENS DEPARTING TO VISIT FRIENDS/RELATIVES	Filipinos departing as tourists admitted under tourist visas (if required) for purposes of visits to friends and relatives. They must spend at least a night in a collective or private accommodation in the receiving country and their duration of stay must not exceed 12 months.	Annex 2 B.4 localized to Philippine setting
18	DEPENDENTS OF OFs	Refer to dependants of OFs consisting of spouse, parents, and children below 21 years of age, including persons with disability regardless of age. Their duration of stay must not exceed 12 months. Note: PWDs should be family member.	Annex 2 D.11, Annex 2 D.12, Presidential Decree 1921 with some modifications by the IACMS
19	FILIPINO CITIZENS DEPARTING FOR MARKETING-/INVESTMENT-RELATED REASONS	Filipinos departing as business travelers granted the permission to engage in business or professional activities that are not remunerated from within the country of arrival, excluding intra-company transferees. Their duration of stay must not exceed 12 months.	Annex 2 B.5 localized to Philippine setting
20	FILIPINO CITIZENS DEPARTING FOR OFFICIAL MISSION (e.g., bilateral negotiations)	Filipinos who travel abroad for a specified purpose on behalf of the government or its instrumentalities, usually for a stipulated period of time.	Annex 2 B.5 localized to Philippine setting

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21	FILIPINO DIPLOMATIC/ CONSULAR/ MILITARY AND THIER ACCOMPANYING HOUSEHOLD	Citizens departing with the status of diplomatic or consular personnel or as dependants and employees of that personnel.	Annex 2 C.6 localized to Philippine setting
		Citizens departing with the status of military personnel or as dependants or employees of that personnel. A category encompassing all foreign military servicemen, officials and advisers together with their dependants and domestic employees stationed in the country of arrival for a limited period.	Annex 2 C.7 localized to Philippine setting
22	<i>Others</i>		
	CITIZENS DEPARTING TO SEEK ASYLUM - REFUGEES. Foreign persons granted refugee status either at the time of admission or before admission.	This category therefore includes foreign persons granted refugee status while abroad and entering to be resettled in the receiving country as well as persons granted refugee status on a group basis upon arrival in the country. In some cases, refugee status may be granted when the persons involved are still in their country of origin through "in-country processing" of requests for asylum. Refugee status may be granted on the basis of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol,' other pertinent regional instruments, of humanitarian considerations.	Annex 2 D.16
	CITIZENS DEPARTING TO SEEK ASYLUM- Foreigners seeking asylum.	A category that encompasses both persons who are eventually allowed to file an application for asylum (asylum-seekers proper) and those who do not enter the asylum adjudication system formally but are nevertheless granted the permission to stay until they can return safely to their countries of origin (in other words, foreigners granted temporary protected status).	Annex 2 E.17
	CITIZENS DEPARTING TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO FREE ESTABLISHMENT	Foreign persons who have the right to establish residence in the receiving country because of special treaties or agreements between their country of citizenship and the receiving country. Their dependants, if admitted, are included in this category.	Annex 2 D.13
	OTHER TEMPORARY OVERSEAS FILIPINOS NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	Refer to other temporary OFs departing for non-employment purpose and at the expense of businesses that are not elsewhere classified.	Definition by the IACMS
23	IRREGULARS	A situation in which an overseas Filipino is temporarily in another state or territory usually for employment and who is without a valid residence or work permit as required by the receiving state, or whose residence or work permit has expired Note: This may include "stateless children" with Filipino parent/s.	Country Migration Report - The Philippine 2013

Note: All concepts and definitions are consistent with the approved PSA Board Resolution No. 08 Series of 2017, "Approving and Adopting the Official Concepts and Definitions About Internal and International Migration, for Statistical Purposes".

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METADATA FOR THE AMENDED OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

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2	OVERSEAS FILIPINOS	Filipinos who are outside of the Philippines.	Definition by the IACMS				CFO, DFA, BI
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Note: Codes (e.g., B3) in the Main Reference/s column refers to the relevant classifications contained under Annex 2 of the document entitled "Strategies for Developing Statistics on the International Migration Workers"

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