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July 24, 2008

DR. ROMULO A. VIROLA

Secretary General
National Statistical Coordination Board
Midland Buendia Building
403 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue
Makati City 1200

Subject: Request for NSCB clearance on the Conduct of the
2008 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF)

Dear Secretary General Virola:

The National Statistics Office (NSO) will conduct the 2008 SOF in October 2008. The SOF is a nationwide survey which is conducted every year as a rider to the October round of the Labor Force Survey (LFS).

In this connection, pursuant to NSCB Memorandum Circular No. 04-95, the NSO would like to request for NSCB clearance for the conduct of this survey. The comments and suggestions related to the questionnaire as indicated in your letter dated September 10, 2007 were already incorporated in the attached 2008 SOF questionnaire. However, comments to improve the SOF survey design particularly the sampling frame and weights adjustment procedures cannot be implemented yet for this round. Rest assured, all comments and suggestions for further improvement of SOF will be considered in the future once resources for such purpose becomes available.

Also, attached for your reference is the Statistical Survey Notification Form.

Truly yours,


CARMELITA N. ERICTA
Administrator



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STATISTICAL SURVEY NOTIFICATION FORM

PLEASE READ ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1 Title of the statistical survey Survey on Overseas Filipinos	
2 Legal basis Commonwealth Act N. 591 and Executive Order No. 121	
3.1 Proponent agency <i>Name</i> National Statistics Office <i>Address</i> Sta. Mesa, Manila	3.2 Conducting agency <i>Name</i> National Statistics Office <i>Address</i> Sta. Mesa, Manila
3.3 Other cooperating agencies	3.4 Funding source/s (Specify) a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gov't. of the Phil. (GOP) _____ b <input type="checkbox"/> Local private _____ c <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign _____
3.5 Consultants <i>Name of organization/person</i> _____ <i>Nature of consultancy service</i> _____ N.A. N.A.	
4 Objectives and relevance of the survey (Cite specific use of the data to be collected, or programs/issues to be addressed.) 1. To obtain national estimates on the number of overseas Filipinos including overseas workers and their socio-economic characteristics; and 2. To provide estimates on the amount of cash and in kind transfer received by the families and mode of remittance.	
5.1 Status of survey a <input type="checkbox"/> New (Proceed to 5.3) b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing (Proceed to 5.2)	5.2 Status of survey form/questionnaire a <input type="checkbox"/> Existing statistical survey form being reported for the first time. What year was this first used? ___1991_____ b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing form for clearance renewal with revision. c <input type="checkbox"/> Existing form for clearance renewal without revision. If b or c, give previous clearance no./NSCB-Approval No. NSO - 0416 - 01
5.3 Is this survey a rider to another survey? a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. (Specify) October 2008 LFS b <input type="checkbox"/> No	5.4 Is this survey a component of national or international program? a <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. (Specify) _____ b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

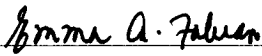

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II. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION			
1 Type and number of respondents			
Type of respondent	Size of universe	Size of sample	Expected response rate
a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual			
b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Household		about 51,000	99%
c <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment			
d <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise			
d <input type="checkbox"/> Government agency			
e <input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify)			
2 Reference period of the survey last five years of the survey period	3 Geographical area covered by the survey, e.g. Phil., Region IV, etc. Philippines		4 Geographic disaggregation of the data to be produced a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National level b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional level c <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial level d <input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify)
5 Frequency of data collection a <input type="checkbox"/> One-shot d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually b <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly e <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Specify) c <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly		6 Methods of data collection (Check as many as applicable) a <input type="checkbox"/> Mail / Self-completion questionnaire d <input type="checkbox"/> Annually b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal interview e <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Specify)	
7 Survey questionnaire titles			
Form No.	Form Title		
SOF Form 1	Survey on Overseas Filipinos		
8 Major data items to be collected (e.g., family income and expenditure, employment, compensation, prices)			
a. Number of Overseas Workers, Contract and Non-Contract b. Remittances (cash and in-kind) c. Mode of Remittance d. Occupation e. Place of Work Abroad			
9 List of tables and other outputs to be generated (attach table formats)			
See attachment A			

<p>10 Type of data processing (Check as any as applicable)</p> <p>a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manual</p> <p>b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microcomputer</p> <p>c <input type="checkbox"/> Minicomputer</p> <p>d <input type="checkbox"/> Mainframe computer</p>	<p>11 Statistical classification systems used</p> <p>a <input type="checkbox"/> Phil. Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC)</p> <p>b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil. Standard Geographic Classification (PSGC)</p> <p>c <input type="checkbox"/> Phil. Standard Industry Classification (PSIC)</p> <p>d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil. Standard Occupation Classification (PSOC)</p> <p>e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil. Standard Classification of Education (PSCED)</p> <p>f <input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify)</p>
<p>12 Brief description of the sampling design and estimation procedure. (The details should be attached in a separate sheet. If complete information is available in survey proposal, attach copy instead.)</p>	
<p>a) <i>Desired level of reliability and the proposed statistical measure to be used for assessing such reliability (e.g., standard errors of means)</i></p>	
<p>b) <i>Type of sampling design (The details should be attached in separate sheet)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Multi-stage sampling design of the 2003 Master Sample for Surveys</p>	
<p>c) <i>Sampling unit (per stage if applicable)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Housing Unit</p>	
<p>d) <i>Domain</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Region</p>	
<p>e) <i>Sampling frame</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sample of geographical areas or primary sampling units of the 2000 CPH</p>	
<p>f) <i>Sample size (total, per stratum/cluster/stage)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">About 51,100 sample households</p>	
<p>g) <i>Method of determining sample size</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stratified multi-stage sampling</p>	
<p>h) <i>Estimation procedure (The details and formulas should be attached in separate sheet.)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The estimation procedure is attached to the Labor Force Survey (LFS) based on the NSO 2003 Master Sample. Only sample households with OFWs/OCWs are included.</p>	
<p>i) <i>Imputation procedure for non-response</i></p>	
<p>13 Statistical analysis of results (e.g., descriptive, multivariate)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Descriptive</p>	

1. Personal Services	<u>attached to LFS</u>	Printing	<u>P 10,000.00</u>
2. MOOE	<u></u>	Others (specify)	<u></u>
Supplies	<u></u>	3. Capital Outlay	<u></u>
Traveling Exp	<u></u>	TOTAL COST	<u>P 10,000.00</u>

Stage	Schedule	Agency Responsible
A. Planning and preparation		National Statistics Office (NSO)
1 Formulation of survey design (to include formulation of objectives, scope and coverage; development of methodology; formulation of sampling design and frame; design of table formats; preparation of questionnaire and manuals)		
2 Submission to NSCB for review of survey design (allow 15 days after submission of all required documents)		
3 Pre-test of the questionnaire		
4 Revision based on pre-test		
5 Finalization of questionnaire and manuals	August 1 - 29, 2008	NSO
6 Printing of questionnaires and manuals	September 1-15, 2008	NSO
B. Field operations		
1 Training of personnel	September 29-October 3, 2008	NSO
2 Distribution and collection of questionnaires	October 8 - 31, 2008	NSO
3 Field editing	October 13 - 31, 2008	NSO
C. Data processing		
1 Office editing	November 11 - December 29, 2008	NSO
2 Data encoding	December 15, 2008 - February 6, 2009	NSO
3 Verification	February 9 - March 12, 2009	NSO
4 Tabulation	April 2 - 30, 2009	NSO
D. Report preparation		
1 Analysis and interpretation of data	April 2 - 30, 2009	NSO
2 Report writing	May 4 - 29, 2009	NSO
E. Release of survey results	July 1 - 30, 2009	NSO

Signature		Signature	
Printed Name	EMMA A. FABIAN	Printed Name	CARMELITA N. EFACTA
Designation	Chief, IESD	Designation	Administrator
Date Prepared	Tel. No. 7132140 / 7169369	Date Approved	

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

TABLE NO.	Overseas Filipino Workers
1	Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Sex and by Region: 2008
2	Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Age Group, by Sex and by Area: 2008
3	Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Place of Work and by Sex: 2008
3A	Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Place of Work, by Sex and by Area: 2008
4	Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Major Occupation, by Sex and by Area: 2008
5	Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Cash Remittance, by Sex and by Area: 2008
6	Total and Average Remittance in Cash and in Kind of Male and Female Overseas Filipino Workers by Area: 2008
7	Total and Average Cash Remittance of Overseas Filipino Workers by Mode of Remittance and by Area: 2008
8	Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Filipino Workers by Type, by Sex and by Area: 2008
9	Total and Average Cash Remittance of Male and Female Overseas Filipino Workers by Place of Work: 2008
9A	Total and Average Cash Remittance of Male and Female Overseas Filipino Workers by Place of Work and by Area: 2008
10	Total and Average Cash Remittance of Male and Female Overseas Filipino Workers by Major Occupation and by Area: 2008

TABLE NO.	Overseas Contract Workers
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3A	Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Contract Workers by Place of Work, by Sex and by Area: 2008
4	Name and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Contract Workers by Major Occupation, by Sex and by Area: 2008
5	Number and Percentage Distribution of Overseas Contract Workers by Cash Remittance, by Sex and by Area: 2008
6	Total and Average In Cash and in Kind of Male and Female Overseas Contract Workers by Area: 2008
7	Total and Average Cash Remittance of Overseas Contract Workers by Mode of Remittance and by Area: 2008
8	Total and Average Cash Remittance of Male and Female Overseas Contract Workers by Place of Work : 2008
8A	Total and Average Cash Remittance of Male and Female Overseas Contract Workers by Place of Work and by Area: 2008
9	Total and Average Cash Remittance of Male and Female Overseas Contract Workers by Major Occupation and by Area: 2008

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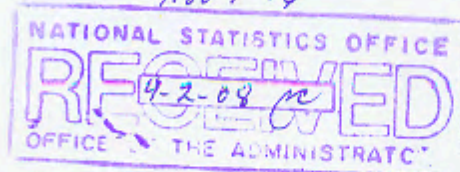
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Hon. Carmelita N. Erieta
Administrator
National Statistics Office
Sta. Mesa, Manila



Dear Administrator Erieta:

This refers to your request for clearance of the 2008 *Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF)*. We acknowledge with thanks the following documents received from your office and which were used as basis for our evaluation:

<u>NSCB Ref. No.</u>	<u>Title of Document</u>	<u>Format Received</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
SSRCS 2008-19-101	Agency transmittal letter dated July 24, 2008	hard copy	Aug. 1, 2008
		e-copy	Aug. 1, 2008
SSRCS 2008-19-102	SSRCS Form 1, Statistical Survey Notification Form	hard copy	Aug. 1, 2008
		e-copy	Aug. 1, 2008
SSRCS 2008-19-103	SOF Questionnaire	e-copy	Aug. 1, 2008
SSRCS 2008-19-105	List of Tables	hard copy	Aug. 1, 2008
		e-copy	Aug. 1, 2008

Please find below the clearance number assigned to the survey. The clearance number and expiration date should be printed or stamped on the upper right corner of the first page of the final questionnaire.

We would like to thank the National Statistics Office for incorporating the NSCB technical staff's recommendations contained in our letter dated September 10, 2007, to improve the SOF questionnaire.

Please refer to the remarks on pages 2 for the comments of the NSCB Technical Staff for your consideration.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in our endeavour to improve the quality of surveys conducted by government agencies.

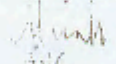
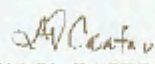
Very truly yours,

ROMULO A. VIROLA, Jr.
Secretary General

Title of statistical survey	
Survey on Overseas Filipinos	
Proponent agency	Conducting agency
National Statistics Office	National Statistics Office
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLEARANCE GRANTED , subject to the following final action:	
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All information enclosed in the box/es below must be printed or stamped on the upper right corner of the first page of the statistical survey form.	

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NSCB Form 1

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1. <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved for the following reasons: a. <input type="checkbox"/> NSCB Approval No. NSO-0817-01 Expires August 31, 2009 b. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit a copy of the printed forms/questionnaires with the clearance number to the Programs, Policies and Standards Office, NSCB. c. <input type="checkbox"/> Office (Specify) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please furnish the NSCB copies of the survey results. The survey design and instrument shall be subject to review should there be any changes made prior to the expiration of the clearance granted. Furthermore, in line with the thrust of the Technical Committee on Survey Design to review total survey error, said survey may be reviewed by the Committee anytime. In view of this, there may be recommended revisions even before the clearance has expired. 	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED , for the following reasons: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMARKS On tables generated We would like to reiterate our comments on the 2007 SOF, which states that, "One of the main objectives of the survey is to estimate the number of overseas Filipinos including overseas workers and their socio-economic characteristics. However, the list of tables to be generated pertains only to estimates of overseas Filipino workers and their characteristics. There are no tables pertaining to other overseas Filipinos who are not working. The title of the survey and its objectives should be revised in order to reflect the true nature of data to be collected."	
REVIEWING OFFICIALS for the NSCB Survey Team and Technical Staff  FE VIDA N. DY-LIACCO Chief Programs, Policies and Advocacy Division	RECOMMENDING OFFICIAL  LINA V. CASTRO Director Programs, Policies and Standards Office

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