Pursuant to Proclamation Nos. 929 and 922 (s. 2020) and Republic Act No. 11332, following the sharp increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases throughout the country, Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea issued a Memorandum directing the Bureau of Immigration among other agencies to adopt, coordinate and implement guidelines on the imposition of an Enhanced Community Quarantine and the Stringent Social Distancing Measures over the entire Luzon, including the National Capital Region (NCR), effective 00:00 (12a.m.) of 17 March 2020 and expiring on 00:00 (12a.m.) of 13 April 2020.

In this regard and in compliance to the foregoing directives, all applications for visa extension are hereby suspended during the Period of the Enhanced Community Quarantine, except for outbound passengers.

All aliens whose visas will expire during the duration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine shall be allowed to file their applications for extension without fines and penalties provided they file their applications within thirty (30) days from the lifting of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

Further, the Bureau shall waive the payment of fines and penalties related to the application for visa extension of all outbound passengers whose visa extension expired during the period of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

The Bureau shall maintain its skeletal workforce to cater outbound passengers who intend to depart the Philippines during the Enhanced Community Quarantine period. Outbound passengers will be required to present their outbound tickets prior to entry at BI offices.

Kindly check the official website for further Advisories/Announcements.

26 March 2020.