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HONORABLE OYVIND LORENZEN

First Secretary and Consul
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Subject: Request for Assistance

Dear **Consul LORENZEN**:

This refers to your letter asking for confirmation whether a Norwegian national travelling with diplomatic or service passport, not staying in the Philippine beyond 30 days, and holds a valid return/onward ticket is exempt from the visa requirements by the Bureau.

Since your query refers to a Norwegian national who travels to the Philippines and stays not beyond 30 days, we presuppose that he/she will only be here for temporary visits. In such a case, said national will be cleared for admission without an entry visa from the Philippine Foreign Service Post/s in Norway and will be allowed for a 59-day stay.

This is based on the Foreign Service Circular (FSC) No. 157-2016 dated 02 September 2016 of the Department of Foreign Affairs, where Norway is included in Category C, "Countries with which the Philippines has agreements on the abolition of entry visa for holders of diplomatic and official/service passports, who are coming for temporary visits (tourism, pleasure, attend seminars, conferences, meetings, and negotiations)". In No. 29, the duration of stay for Norwegians in this category is 59 days.

You may coordinate with the Department of Foreign Affairs for further information on said FSC.

Rest assured of our continued cooperation for your immigration-related concerns.

Respectfully yours,


JAIME H. MORENTE
Commissioner