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Implementation of EU Entry/Exit System (EES) effective 12 October 2025

The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) informs the public that the European Union (EU) will be implementing the Entry/Exit System (EES) starting 12 October 2025. The EES is a centralized, automated system that will gradually replace the manual stamping of passports for non-EU nationals entering or exiting the Schengen area for short stays (90 to 180 days). It is designed to improve border security, streamline immigration procedures, and reduce delays at points of entry.

Under the EES, all non-EU travelers, including OFWs, will be required to register biometric data including facial scans and fingerprints along with passport details. The data will be securely stored for a period of three (3) years and will be used for future entries into the Schengen zone, removing the need to repeat the registration process on subsequent visits.

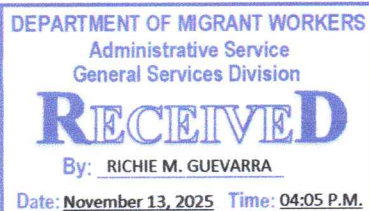
The EES will be deployed gradually at certain border points with a target schedule of full implementation across all airports and ports by 10 April 2026.

OFWs are advised to allow additional time for immigration processing during the transition period and to comply with all border control procedures.

Following the rollout of the EES, the European Travel Authorisation and Information System (ETIAS) is expected to be introduced in late 2026. Further details on ETIAS will be announced once finalized.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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