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CIRCULAR NO. 2020-008-b

TO : **ALL COVERED EMPLOYEES, KASAMBAHAYs AND OFWs**

SUBJECT : **AMENDMENT TO CIRCULAR NO. 2020-008 DATED 31 MARCH 2020 ON THE EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF FILING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT CLAIM**

Pursuant to Social Security Commission Resolution No. 242-s.2020 dated 19 May 2020 and in view of Proclamation No. 929 S. 2020 dated 16 March 2020 issued by the Office of the President of the Philippines declaring a state of calamity nationwide for a period of six (6) months, unless earlier lifted, the guidelines on the extension of the period in filing unemployment benefit application is hereby issued.

Sec. 5, Rule 27 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018 provides:

“PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD FOR FILING OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OR INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION BENEFIT CLAIMS. – A claim for unemployment insurance or involuntary separation benefits shall be filed within one (1) year from the date of separation or unemployment.”

However, Unemployment Benefit claims shall not be denied if the one-year deadline for filing thereof falls on **05 March 2020 until the last day of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ)/General Community Quarantine (GCQ)**.

The employed members, including *Kasambahays* and Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), whose claim falls on the said period, may still file their Unemployment Benefit claims **within sixty (60) days from the end of the ECQ/GCQ**.

This supersedes Circular No. 2020-008 dated 31 March 2020.

Please be guided accordingly.

Original Signed
AURORA C. IGNACIO
President and CEO

25 MAY 2020

Date