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**SUBJECT: CAGAYAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT (CSEZFP)
IMPLEMENTING RULES AND PROCEDURES ON THE GRANT OF CEZA
INVESTOR'S RESIDENT VISA (CIRV)**

Pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act NO. 7922 otherwise known as the Cagayan Special Economic Zone Act of 1995 and in consonance with Commonwealth Act No. 613, also known as the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940, as amended; the Alien Registration Act of 1950, including other pertinent laws and provisions, the following rules and procedures are hereby promulgated for the guidance and compliance of all foreign nationals who are interested to invest or have already established a business enterprise within the Cagayan Special Economic Zone and Freeport:

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Statement of Policy. -

The CEZA, by virtue of RA 7922, is mandated to actively encourage, promote, induce and accelerate a sound and balanced industrial, economic and social development in the CSEZFP in order to provide jobs to the people, increase their productivity and their individual and family income, and thereby improve the quality of their living condition.

So as to effectively attract legitimate and productive foreign investments, RA 7922 grants the CEZA the authority to regulate the entry, immigration, departure and emigration of persons within the CSEZFP in coordination with the Bureau of Immigration and to issue the necessary visa to foreign nationals.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. -

- a) **RA 7922** - Republic Act 7922, otherwise known as the "Cagayan Special Economic Zone Act of 1995".
- b) **CEZA** - Cagayan Economic Zone Authority, a government corporate body established pursuant to R.A. 7922.
- c) **CSEZFP** - refers to Cagayan Special Economic Zone and Freeport defined in Section 3 of RA 7922 as a separate customs territory covering the entire area embraced by the Municipality of Sta. Ana and the islands of Fuga, Barit and Mabbag in the Municipality of Aparri, all in the Province of Cagayan.



- d) **CEZA Enterprise/Locator** – refers to any sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association or other form of business entity, duly registered with and/or licensed by the CEZA to engage in any lawful economic activity within the CSEZFP.
- e) **Certificate of Registration and Tax Exemption** – refers to the document issued by CEZA as evidence that the business entity is registered as a CEZA Enterprise.
- f) **Authorized Representative/Agent** – refers to person and/or entity authorized by the CEZA Enterprise Board of Directors to transact with the CEZA Visa Section on the CIRV applications and all transactions with connection hereto.
- g) **BI** – refers to the Bureau of Immigration.
- h) **NICA** – refers to the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency.
- i) **Foreign National** – refers to a natural person who is not a citizen of the Philippines or a juridical person organized, authorized or registered under the laws of any foreign country.
- j) **CWV Section** - refers to the office in CEZA responsible for the visas issued by CEZA. It is also responsible for the enforcement to all CEZA Enterprises of all immigration laws in the Philippines.
- k) **CWV** – refers to CEZA Working Visa.
- l) **CIRV** - refers to the CEZA Investor’s Resident Visa.
- m) **CDV** – refers to CEZA Dependent’s Visa issued to CWV and CIRV Holders’ dependent
- n) **GAF** – refers to the CEZA General Application Form.
- o) **ACR** – refers to the Philippine Alien Certificate of Registration.
- p) **CIRV ID** – refers to the identification card issued to CIRV holders.
- q) **BI Clearance Certificate** – refers to the procedure of the Bureau of Immigration wherein the BI shall certify if a foreigner does not appear on its Hold Departure, Blacklist, Watch list and/or Intelligence Derogatory Records.
- r) **NICA Clearance** – refers to the clearance issued by NICA.

RULE I NATURE OF THE VISA

SECTION 1. Nature of Visa. - The CEZA Investor’s Resident Visa (CIRV), issued pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 7922, otherwise known as the Cagayan Special