



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 157-2022-A

**TO : ALL JUDGES, BRANCH CLERKS
OF COURT AND OFFICERS-IN-
CHARGE/ACTING CLERKS OF COURT
OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS**

**SUBJECT: COMPILATION OF THE LAWS OF
FOREIGN COUNTRIES ON MARRIAGE
AND DIVORCE**

The growing migration, foreign employment and cross-border travel of Filipinos have resulted in significant numbers of intermarriages with foreign nationals. However, some of these marriages end up as the subject of divorce decrees obtained overseas. As a consequence, there is an increasing number of petitions filed before Philippine courts for recognition and enforcement of foreign decree of divorce.

Recently, the Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) experienced a sudden influx of requests for certified true copies of divorce laws of foreign countries which the parties intend to use as supporting document to their petitions for recognition of a foreign decree of divorce.

To address this matter, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), upon request of the OCA, furnished the OCA with a compilation of several foreign laws on marriage and divorce, for reference and use of the judiciary in resolving petitions for recognition and enforcement of foreign decree of divorce, subject to prevailing jurisprudence and/or applicable Court issuances related thereto. This could be accessed at <https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/foreign-divorce-laws/>.

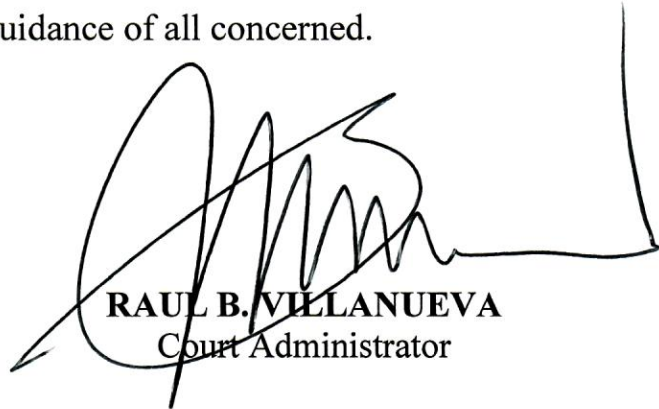
The text of these laws, and/or their English translations, were officially transmitted to the Philippine Embassies and Consulates by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of other agencies of the concerned foreign governments through Notes Verbale or official letters enclosing the text of these laws or indicating the official website or online link containing the authentic copies. In some states within the United States of America, the

text of the laws provided were authenticated by the Secretary of State or by other competent officials having custody of authentic copies of these laws.

This circular supersedes OCA Circular No. 157-2022 dated 23 June 2022.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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