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## **PUBLIC ADVISORY**

### **Subject: Dual Citizenship**

The Office of the State of Vienna has informed the Embassy that there is no change in the procedure regarding dual nationality. The Austrian Citizenship Act basically does not provide for dual citizenship and states that if Austrian citizenship is acquired, then the previous citizenship must be renounced, as stipulated in Section 10 of said Act.

Commonwealth Act No. 63, is an Act providing for the ways in which Philippine Citizenship may be lost or reacquired:

Section 1: How citizenship may be lost. – A Filipino citizen may lose his citizenship in any of the following ways and/or events:

*(1) By naturalization in a foreign country*

Therefore, Filipinos who acquired Austrian citizenship have lost their Philippine citizenship on the day the Austrian citizenship was granted.

Republic Act No. 9225, an act making the citizenship of Philippine citizens who acquire foreign citizenship permanent, amending for the purpose Commonwealth Act No. 63, as amended and for other purposes, enumerates how Philippine citizenship can be retained or re-acquired as follows:

Section 3. Retention of Philippine Citizenship - Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, natural-born citizenship by reason of their naturalization as citizens of a foreign country are hereby deemed to have re-acquired Philippine citizenship upon taking the following oath of allegiance to the Republic:

"I \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines and obey the laws and legal orders promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Philippines; and I hereby declare that I recognize and accept the supreme authority of the Philippines and will maintain true faith and allegiance thereto; and that I imposed this obligation upon myself voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

Natural born citizens of the Philippines who, after the effectivity of this Act, become citizens of a foreign country shall retain their Philippine citizenship upon taking the aforesaid oath.

However, the Austrian government does not recognize dual citizenship by naturalization, hence, Filipinos who have been naturalized as Austrian citizens cannot apply for retention nor re-acquisition of their lost Philippine citizenship.