

# Endo firms in Central Visayas being listed

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CEBU CITY — The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in Central Visayas is completing the list of companies that are into labor-only contracting, a practice commonly referred to as endo.

So far, DOLE has already identified 42 companies that are engaged in labor-only contracting.

A DOLE order issued in March last year bans labor-only contracting but allows contracturalization arrangements.

Labor-only contracting refers to the arrangement where the contractor or subcontractor merely recruits, supplies or places workers to perform a job for a principal. Under this practice, the contractor does not have substantial capital nor investments while employees are recruited to perform activities directly related to the business of the principal.

Luchel Taniza, DOLE regional information officer, said the initial list was forwarded to the national office last April 27.

The companies on the list were inspected by DOLE and were found to have “elements of labor-only contracting.”

“These are undecided cases. We have initial findings and it will take time to complete the process,” Taniza said.

The regional director and the DOLE secretary will decide if the companies are really involved in labor-only contracting.

More companies will be inspected, Taniza said.

In compliance with the department order, Taniza said 8,739 workers in Central Visayas were regularized.

Most of the regularized workers are in manufacturing companies at the Mactan Export Processing Zone and Mitsumi in Danao City, Cebu.