



ADVISORY

REVISED GUIDELINES AS PER IATF-MEID RESOLUTION NO. 92 Series of 2021

Pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) Resolution No. 92 Series of 2021 dated 05 January 2021, the following revised guidelines are hereby implemented, *to wit*:

- C. All foreign travelers coming from, or with travel history within the last 14 days prior to arrival in the Philippines in countries/jurisdictions covered by travel restrictions for the COVID-19 variant shall not be permitted entry into the Philippines until January 15, 2021, notwithstanding any previous IATF resolutions or exemptions, except for the following:
- Local/accredited foreign diplomats and international organizations such as the World Health Organization and the United Nations shall be exempted from quarantine protocols provided they will undergo RT-PCR test upon arrival at the airport, execute an undertaking, and observe strict 14-day quarantine pursuant to relevant DOH memorandum circular;
 - Foreign dignitaries who shall observe existing testing and quarantine protocols upon arrival; and
 - Those for medical and emergency cases, including their medical escorts, if any.

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IN VIEW THEREOF, the following supplementary guidelines shall be observed during the conduct of immigration arrival formalities, **effective immediately**:

- Diplomats of foreign governments and representatives of specialized agencies of the United Nations and other international organizations accredited to the Philippines shall be allowed entry. Those **with valid 9(e) visas** may be allowed entry **without the need of an exemption/authorization from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)**. Those in possession of a **diplomatic/official/regular passport with no valid 9(e) visa** may be allowed entry **provided they have a valid 9(a) visa and DFA authorization**.

The foregoing individuals are required to undergo an RT-PCR test upon arrival at the airport, execute an undertaking, and observe a strict 14-day quarantine pursuant to relevant guidelines under the Department of Health (DOH) memorandum circular;

- b. Foreign dignitaries subject to DFA authorization and who shall observe existing testing and quarantine protocols upon arrival; and
- c. Those for medical and emergency cases, including their medical escorts, if any, provided they have a valid 9(a) visa and DFA authorization and who shall be subject to existing testing and quarantine protocols issued by the Department of Health (DOH).

All of the foregoing is without prejudice to the exercise of the mandate of the Bureau of Immigration in Arrival and Departure Formalities.

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SIGNED
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Commissioner