



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL OSS FOR SEAFARERS HEADS & SECRETARIATS

SUBJECT : UPDATED GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF CREW CHANGES IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE RISKS POSED BY THE NEW SARS-CoV-2 VARIANT

DATE : 23 JANUARY 2021

With reference to IATF-MEID Resolution No. 95, series of 2021, provided herewith are the updated guidelines on the conduct of crew changes.

- A. Ships coming from or having rendered port of call/s from the below listed countries within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, are temporarily restricted from disembarking their foreign seafarers until **31 January 2021**.

List of Identified Countries

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| 1. Australia | 17. Japan |
| 2. Austria | 18. Jordan |
| 3. Brazil | 19. Lebanon |
| 4. Canada | 20. Luxembourg |
| 5. The People's Republic of China, including Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region | 21. Netherlands |
| 6. Denmark | 22. Norway |
| 7. Finland | 23. Oman |
| 8. France | 24. Pakistan |
| 9. Germany | 25. Portugal |
| 10. Hungary | 26. Singapore |
| 11. Iceland | 27. South Africa |
| 12. India | 28. South Korea |
| 13. Ireland | 29. Spain |
| 14. Israel | 30. Sweden |
| 15. Italy | 31. Switzerland |
| 16. Jamaica | 32. United Arab Emirates |
| | 33. United Kingdom |
| | 34. United States |

Please note that additional countries can be included in the above list as may be directed by the Office of the President.

- B. **Filipino and foreign seafarers aboard ship with no recorded port of calls** in any of the countries listed in Item A within the last 14 days preceding arrival in the Philippines shall be allowed to disembark in any of the crew change hubs established by this Department, subject to existing health and safety protocols of the established One-Shop Shops (OSS) for Seafarers.

- C. **Filipino seafarers** coming from countries mentioned in Item A, or who have been to the same within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, **shall be tested upon arrival and shall be quarantined until the result of a subsequent test administered on the fifth day is released.** After which, said seafarers who yield a negative result from both COVID-19 tests shall be endorsed to their local government units of destination who shall then strictly monitor the remainder of the fourteen-day quarantine through their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams.
- D. Filipino seafarers that fall under the **classification of Item C are only allowed to disembark in Port of Manila** and shall be transported by their shipping agents to the OWWA-designated quarantine facility via P2P, under strict monitoring of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).
- E. All incoming seafarers from any country, if found positive, shall undergo whole genome sequencing conducted by the Department of Health (DOH), University of the Philippines (UP) Philippine Genome Center, and UP-National Institutes of Health, in addition to the prescribed testing and quarantine protocols.
- F. Embarkation to ships bound to the countries mentioned in Item A shall be subject to the existing exit protocols of the Philippines as well as entry protocols of the respective countries.

In view of the above, kindly see **Summary of Guidelines for Seafarer Disembarkation effective until 31 January 2021** for reference.

Seafarer Classification	Recorded Port of Call in Flagged Countries		
	Less than 14 days Preceding Arrival in the PH	More than 14 days Preceding Arrival in the PH	None
FOREIGNER	PROHIBITED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED
FILIPINO	ALLOWED (Absolute 14-day quarantine)	ALLOWED	ALLOWED

For immediate and strict implementation.

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