



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 :** 12 JANUARY 2021

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With reference to the memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 12 January 2021 regarding the additional countries/jurisdictions subject to travel restrictions relative to the SARS-COV-2 variant first detected in the United Kingdom, provided herewith are the updated guidelines on the conduct of crew changes in the country.

- 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 15 January 2021.

*List of Identified Countries*

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

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

However, foreign seafarers coming from, or who have been to Pakistan, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Oman, and the People's Republic of China within 14 days

immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, **arriving before 13 January 2021, 12:01AM, Manila time, shall be allowed to enter the Philippines.** They shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period, even if they obtain a negative RT-PCR test result.

- B. **Filipino and foreign seafarers with no immigration admission** in any of the countries listed in Item A within the last 14 days preceding arrival in the Philippines shall be allowed to disembark 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 not be prohibited from disembarking their ships**, but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative RT-PCR result.
- D. Seafarers that fall under the classifications of Items C are **only allowed to disembark in Port of Manila** and shall be transported by their shipping agents to the designated quarantine facility via P2P under strict monitoring of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

Relative thereto, Filipino seafarers shall undergo the mandatory 14-day quarantine in OWWA-assigned facilities or at Athlete’s Village in New Clark City with accommodation shouldered by the Philippine government.

- E. 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 15 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
<b>FOREIGNER</b>	<b>PROHIBITED</b>	ALLOWED	ALLOWED
<b>FILIPINO</b>	ALLOWED (Absolute 14-day quarantine)	ALLOWED	ALLOWED

For immediate and strict implementation.

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CC: Office of the Secretary  
 OTS, PCG, PPA, CPA and MARINA

**Office of the President  
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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

FOR : **THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS**  
Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging  
Infectious Diseases (IATF)

SUBJECT : **ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES/JURISDICTIONS SUBJECT TO  
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS RELATIVE TO THE SARS-COV-2  
VARIANT FIRST DETECTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

DATE : **JAN 12 2021**

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With reference to the Joint recommendation of the Department of Health and the Department of Foreign Affairs dated 11 January 2021, submitted pursuant to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 29 December 2020, relative to the SARS-CoV-2 variant (B.1.1.7 or VUI 2020/12/01) first detected in the United Kingdom (UK variant), this Office hereby **directs** all relevant agencies to implement the following:

- A. Foreign passengers coming from or who have been to **Pakistan, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Oman and the People's Republic of China** within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines shall be prohibited from entering the country effective 12:01 p.m. of 13 January 2021 Manila time until 15 January 2021, without prejudice to the extension of such period upon approval of the IATF;
- B. Effective immediately, foreign passengers coming from, or who have been to the aforesaid countries/jurisdictions within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, arriving before 12:01 p.m. of 13 January 2021 Manila time, shall not be prohibited from entering the Philippines but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) result;
- C. Likewise effective immediately, Filipino citizens coming from, or who have been to the aforesaid countries/jurisdictions within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, including those arriving after 12:01 p.m. of 13 January 2021 Manila time, shall not be prohibited from entering the country, but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative RT-PCR result;
- D. Filipino and foreign passengers merely transiting through the aforesaid countries/jurisdictions shall be covered by the rules as provided in paragraph II of the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 31 December 2020; and
- E. The rules on incoming unaccompanied minor Filipino passengers as provided in paragraph II of the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary, dated 05 January


2021 shall also apply to such passengers coming from or who have been to the aforesaid countries/jurisdictions, with the prohibition on entry taking effect on 12:01 p.m. of 13 January 2021 Manila time.

Existing prohibitions and procedures on entry generally applicable to arriving passengers, insofar as consistent with the foregoing, shall continue to be implemented.

The IATF may provide rules and regulations to implement this and related directives, which may include reasonable exceptions to the entry restrictions and protocols imposed by this Office in relation to the UK variant.

For strict compliance.

By authority of the President:

  
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