

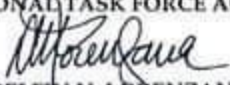



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE  
THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
NATIONAL TASK FORCE AGAINST COVID-19

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 6, s. 2021

TO : ALL CONCERNED MEMBER AGENCIES OF THE  
NATIONAL TASK FORCE AGAINST COVID 19

FROM :   
SEC. DELFIN N. LORENZANA   
Secretary of National Defense; and  
Chairperson of the National Task Force Against COVID -19

SUBJECT : TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TRAVEL INTO THE  
PHILIPPINES

DATE : 18 MARCH 2021

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In view of the agreements in the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) meeting held on 18 March 2021, the directives under Memorandum Circular No. 5 issued by the National Task Force against Covid-19 (NTF Covid-19) are hereby clarified:

1. All Filipino citizens whether a returning Overseas Filipino or Overseas Filipino Worker shall be allowed to return to the Philippines;
2. Effective 0001H March 22, 2021 to 2359H April 21, 2021, the entry of foreign nationals shall be temporarily suspended, except for the following:
  - i. Diplomats and members of international organizations, and their dependents provided they hold a valid 9(e) visa or 47(a)(2) visa, as the case may be, at the time of entry;
  - ii. Foreign nationals involved in medical repatriation duly endorsed by Department of Foreign Affairs - Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs (DFA - OUMWA) and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), provided that they have a valid visa at the time of entry;



- iii. Foreign seafarers under the "Green Lanes" program for crew change provided that they hold a 9(c) crew list visa at the time of entry;
- iv. Foreign spouses and children of Filipino citizens travelling with them provided they have valid visas at the time of entry; and
- v. Emergency, humanitarian, and other analogous cases approved by the Chairperson of the NTF COVID-19 or his duly authorized representative, provided the foreign nationals have valid visas at the time of entry.

The foregoing is without prejudice to immigration laws, rules, and regulations such that the Commissioner of Immigration shall have the exclusive prerogative to decide on waiver or recall of exclusion orders for all foreign nationals authorized entry under relevant IATF resolutions, subject to regular reporting to the IATF Secretariat at the end of each calendar month.

During the period of 0001H 22 March 2021 to 2359H 21 April 2021, the travel of Filipinos and exempted foreign nationals shall be subject to the arrival quota set by the Department of Transportation (DOTr).

This Memorandum Circular supersedes MC No. 05, s. 2021. All issuances issued by the NTF Covid-19 which are inconsistent with this Memorandum Circular are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

This directive shall be given the appropriate and widest publicity by all concerned agencies.

**FOR GUIDANCE AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.**

