



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE

TO : ALL OSS FOR SEAFARERS HEADS & SECRETARIATS

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF IATF RESOLUTION NO. 151-A IN THE CONDUCT OF CREW CHANGES

DATE : 28 NOVEMBER 2021

With reference to the IATF Resolution No. 151-A dated 28 November 2021, please be guided of the following guidelines in the conduct of crew changes effective immediately:

I. Suspension of testing and quarantine protocols from Green list countries/jurisdictions/territories

Effective immediately, the testing and quarantine protocols for seafarers from countries/jurisdictions/territories classified as "Green" are hereby temporarily suspended.

Except for countries classified as "Red," the testing and quarantine protocols for all inbound international seafarers in all ports of entry shall comply with the testing and quarantine protocols for "Yellow" list.

Arriving seafarers coming from Green List countries/territories/jurisdictions who arrived prior to 28 November 2021 may still follow quarantine protocols assigned to their country of origin upon the date of their arrival.

II. Suspension of IATF Resolution No. 150-A on the entry of fully-vaccinated nationals of non-visa required countries

IATF Resolution No. 150-A (s.2021) providing for the entry of fully-vaccinated nationals of non-visa required countries under Executive Order No. 408 (s.1960), as amended, from Green List countries/jurisdictions/territories **shall be temporarily suspended.**

III. Protocol for seafarers from Red list countries/jurisdictions/territories

Effective 28 November 2021 and in addition to South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Eswatini, and Mozambique wherein travel restrictions have been imposed, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium and Italy shall be placed in the "Red" List. With respect to travelers from countries newly classified as "Red," the following protocols shall be in place:

1. The inbound international travel of all, regardless of vaccination status and nationality, coming from or who have been to "Red List" countries/jurisdictions/territories within the last fourteen (14) days prior to arrival to any port of the Philippines **shall not be allowed.**

Only Filipinos returning to the country via government-initiated repatriation, non-government-initiated repatriation, and Bayanihan Flights may be allowed entry subject to the prevailing entry, testing, and quarantine protocols for "Red List" countries/jurisdictions/territories.

2. Seafarers already in transit and have been to the countries/territories/jurisdictions above-mentioned within fourteen (14) days immediately preceding arrival to the Philippines, who arrive before 0001H of November 30, 2021, shall not be subject to the above restricted entry, but shall be required to undergo a 14-day facility-based quarantine with testing on the seventh 7th day, with day 1 being the date of arrival, notwithstanding a negative RT-PCR result.
3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, seafarers who have already arrived prior to 28 November 2021 and are currently undergoing quarantine pursuant to the classifications of the country/port of origin, as the case may be, shall complete their respective testing and quarantine protocols.
4. Seafarers merely transiting through the aforementioned countries shall not be deemed as having come from or having been to said country if they were not cleared for entry into such country by its immigration authorities.

IV. Requests for medical evacuation

Any request for medical evacuation must be cleared by all concerned OSS member agencies.

With the heightened border control to prevent the spread of new COVID-19 variant/s in the country, kindly advise your respective stakeholders to coordinate with the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) and Bureau of Immigration (BI) prior to the finalization of their crew change plans.

For strict compliance.


VADM NARCISO A. VINGSON JR
Assistant Secretary for Maritime

cc: Office of the Secretary, This Department
Office of the Undersecretary for Maritime
OTS, PCG, PPA, CPA and MARINA



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

RESOLUTION NO. 151-A

Series of 2021

November 28, 2021

WHEREAS, Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (b) of Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to prevent and/or minimize the entry of suspected or confirmed patients with emerging infectious diseases into the country;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 10 September 2021, the IATF was authorized to approve any modifications to the list of Red Countries, subject to the favorable recommendations of the Department of Health and Department of Foreign Affairs;

WHEREAS, a new COVID-19 variant, denominated as B.1.1.529 and designated as a Variant of Concern, was first detected in Botswana and has since been detected in South Africa;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that upon the recommendations of the Task Force on COVID-19 Variants, the following border control measures shall be put in place until 15 December 2021:

- A. Effective immediately, the testing and quarantine protocols for countries/jurisdictions/territories classified as “Green” are hereby temporarily suspended. Except for countries herein classified as “Red,” the testing and quarantine protocols for all inbound international travellers in all ports of entry shall comply with the testing and quarantine protocols for “Yellow” list countries. Arriving passengers coming from Green List countries/territories/jurisdictions who arrived prior to 28 November 2021 may still follow quarantine protocols assigned to their country of origin upon the date of their arrival.
- B. IATF Resolution No. 150-A (s.2021) providing for the entry of fully vaccinated nationals of non-visa required countries under Executive Order No. 408 (s.1960),



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as amended, from Green List countries/jurisdictions/territories shall be temporarily suspended.

C. Effective 28 November 2021 and in addition to South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Eswatini, and Mozambique wherein travel restrictions have been imposed, Austria*, Czech Republic*, Hungary*, The Netherlands*, Switzerland*, Belgium and Italy shall be placed in the “Red” List. With respect to travelers from countries newly classified as “Red,” the following protocols shall be in place:

1. The inbound international travel of all persons, regardless of vaccination status, coming from or who have been to “Red List” countries/jurisdictions/territories within the last fourteen (14) days prior to arrival to any port of the Philippines shall not be allowed. Only Filipinos returning to the country via government-initiated repatriation, non-government-initiated repatriation, and Bayanihan Flights may be allowed entry subject to the prevailing entry, testing, and quarantine protocols for “Red List” countries/jurisdictions/territories.
2. Passengers already in transit and all those who have been to the countries/territories/jurisdictions above-mentioned within fourteen (14) days immediately preceding arrival to the Philippines, who arrive before 0001H of November 30, 2021, shall not be subject to this restriction from entry, but shall nevertheless be required to undergo facility-based quarantine for fourteen (14) days with testing on the seventh 7th day, with day 1 being the date of arrival, notwithstanding a negative Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) result.
3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, passengers who have already arrived prior to 28 November 2021 and are currently undergoing quarantine pursuant to the classifications of their country of origin, as the case may be, shall complete their respective testing and quarantine protocols.
4. All passengers, whether Filipinos or foreigners, merely transiting through the aforementioned countries shall not be deemed as having come from or having been to said country if they stayed in the airport the whole time and were not cleared for entry into such country by its immigration authorities;

** These countries have been classified as Red based on the metrics stated in IATF Resolution 144-A. No local case of the B.1.1.529 variant has been detected in these countries as of writing of this resolution.*




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5. Upon arrival in the Philippines, passengers covered by the immediately preceding paragraph shall comply with existing testing and quarantine protocols.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

APPROVED during the 151st Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this November 28, 2021, via video conference.


FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III
Secretary, Department of Health
IATF Chairperson


KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat
IATF Co-Chairperson



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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Undersecretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, (s.2014) and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
1. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on **28 November 2021** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **151-A** was unanimously approved and adopted;
5. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and/or Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the authority of the IATF Members;
6. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
7. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **28th** day of November 2021, Manila.


ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE
Undersecretary of Health
Head Secretariat, IATF