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**REVISED GUIDELINES AS  
PER IATF-MEID RESOLUTION NO. 85 SERIES OF 2020**

Pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) Resolution No. 85 Series of 2020 dated 26 November 2020, the following revised guidelines are hereby implemented, *to wit*:

1. Starting December 7, 2020, the following may be allowed entry privileges to the Philippines under Republic Act No. 6768 or the "Act Instituting the Balikbayan Program"
  - a. Filipino citizens' foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, who are **travelling with** them;
  - b. Former Filipino citizens, including their spouses and children, regardless of age, who are **travelling with** them.
    - 1.1. The Filipino or former Filipino should be **TRAVELLING TOGETHER** with the spouse or children, otherwise shall be **EXCLUDED/DENIED ENTRY**, if are not qualified in the other exemptions from entry travel restrictions [**Annex A**]. Grandchildren, grandparents and in-laws are not eligible under the Balikbayan privilege.
    - 1.2. Airline staff may require either of the following documentary requirements from Balikbayan passengers under non-visa required countries pursuant to Executive Order No. 408, s. 1960, prior to boarding the same:
      - a. Foreign Spouses**
        - Copy of Marriage Certificate
        - Previous immigration arrival stamp with Balikbayan (BB/RA6768) status
      - b. Dependents/Children**
        - Copy of Birth Certificate, indicating that either or both parents are Filipino nationals;
        - Copy of previously issued or expired Philippine Passport;
        - Previous immigration arrival stamps with Balikbayan (BB/RA6768) status;
        - Original or certified true copy of Decree of Adoption (for legally adoptive children)
      - c. Former Filipino**
        - Copy of previously issued or expired Philippine Passport;
        - Copy of Birth Certificate;
        - Previous immigration arrival stamps with Balikbayan (BB/RA6768) status.

2. They shall be **admitted under RA 6768** with **one year validity of stay from the date of arrival**.
3. The entry of these persons shall be subject to the following conditions:
  - a) **Those nationals from visa-free countries under Executive Order No. 408**, series of 1960 as enumerated in Section H of Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Foreign Service Circular (FSC) No. 157-2016 dated 02 September 2016 **[Annex B]** .

Family members of Balikbayans who are nationals of countries as well as former Filipino citizens who acquired citizenship and passports of countries not included in Section H are **NOT ENTITLED** to the Balikbayan privilege. They must secure **ENTRY VISAS PRIOR TO THEIR TRAVEL TO THE PHILIPPINES.**

- b) With pre-booked quarantine facility;
- c) With pre-booked COVID-19 testing at a laboratory operating at the airport; and
- d) Subject to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers at the port and date of entry.

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All 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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**JAIME H. MORENTE**  
*Commissioner*

**WHO MAY BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL? as of 30 November 2020** **ANNEX A**

ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Foreign Government and International Organization Officials</li> <li>2. Foreign Airline Crew</li> <li>3. <b>9(C)</b> visa holders–Foreign Seafarer visa</li> <li>4. <b>9(D)</b> visa holders – Treaty trader visa (US, Japan and Germany)</li> <li>5. <b>Section 13</b> series of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended (13 quota, 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E, 13G visas)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs)</b> <i>Documentary requirements:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Valid work visa and contract;</li> <li>b. Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC);</li> <li>c. Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) certificate;</li> <li>d. Seafarer’s Identification and Record Book (for seaman);</li> <li>e. Departure Card</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. <b>RA7919</b> visa holders(<i>The Social Integration Act of 1995</i>)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- granted to qualified foreign nationals who have entered the country prior to 30 June 1992</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. <b>EO324</b> visa holders             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legal residence granted under EO 324 for qualified foreign nationals who entered the Philippines before 1 January 1984</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. <b>Native Born (NB)</b> visa holders, who are foreign children born to foreigners with permanent resident status in the Philippines</li> <li>9. <b>Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)</b> holders (based on MO ADD-01-038 / ADD-02-015 [Indians])</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2. Students enrolled abroad and participants accepted in exchange visitor programs</b> <i>Documentary requirements:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Valid visa;</li> <li>b. Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO) Certificate (for first time travellers)</li> <li>c. Departure Card</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. <b>MCL-07-021</b> Permanent Resident Visa holders             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chinese nationals married to Filipino citizens</li> </ul> </li> <li>11. The following shall be allowed entry, <b>PROVIDED</b>, they have a <b>valid (new or existing) visa and the principal Philippine national is in the country:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Foreign spouses of Filipino nationals;</li> <li>(b) Foreign minor children, and foreign children with special needs regardless of age, of Filipino nationals; <i>and</i></li> <li>(c) Foreign parents of minor Filipino children and of Filipino children with special needs regardless of age</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>3. Permanent residents of foreign jurisdictions and foreign nationals</b> <i>Documentary requirements:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Valid Permanent Visa or Permanent Resident Card;</li> <li>b. Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO) for first time immigrants</li> <li>c. Departure Card</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Foreign nationals in possession of <b>Recognition Certificate (RC) or Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003 (CRPC) under RA9225 Certificate</b></li> <li>13. <b>EO226</b> visa holders (to include <b>SIRV visa holders</b> issued under EO226; <b>BUT NOT SIRV</b> issued under <b>EO63</b>)</li> <li>14. <b>RA8756</b> visa holders – Regional Office Headquarters (ROHQ) visa, intended for executive positions for multinational companies</li> <li>15. <b>47(a)(2)</b> visa holders             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- granted to foreign employees working for Regional Headquarters, Regional Operating Headquarters, or employees of PEZA and/or BOI-registered companies</li> </ul> </li> <li>16. Visas issued by the following:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority;</li> <li>b. Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority;</li> <li>c. Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan;</li> <li>d. Cagayan Economic Zone Authority;</li> <li>e. Clark Development Corporation</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>Outbound travel of Filipinos</b> shall comply with the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For those travelling on tourist or short-term/visitor visas, submission of <b>confirmed round-trip tickets and adequate travel and health insurance</b> to cover travel disruptions and hospitalization in case of COVID-19 infections during their allowable period of stay abroad;</li> <li>b. Execution of a <b>Bureau of Immigration Declaration</b> acknowledging the risks involved in travelling, including risk of delay in their return trip, to be provided at the check-in counters by the airlines;</li> <li>c. Whenever <b>required by the country of destination or the airline, a negative COVID-19 test</b> taken in accordance with the health and safety protocols of such destination country or airlines; <i>and</i></li> <li>d. Upon return, they shall <b>follow the Guidelines</b> of the National Task Force (NTF) for <b>Returning Overseas Filipinos</b>.</li> </ol>
<p><i>*Subject to the following IATF and immigration conditions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. with valid and existing visa at the time of entry;</li> <li>b. with pre-booked accredited quarantine facility;</li> <li>c. have a pre-booked COVID-19 testing at a laboratory operating at the airport</li> <li>d. be subject to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers at the port and date of entry</li> <li>e. without prejudice to applicable immigration laws, rules and regulations</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Starting 07 December 2020</b>, the following shall be allowed entry under <i>Balibayan Privilege (RA6768) (only nationals from non-visa required countries under EO408)</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. <b>Filipino citizens’ foreign spouses and children</b>, regardless of age, who are <b>travelling with them**_***;</b></li> </ol>	

**\*\*Refer to rule 11 if not travelling with principal Philippine national.**

**\*\*\*Refer to rule 11 For visa-required nationals.**

**18. Former Filipino citizens, together with their foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, who are travelling with them**

*Kindly take note that inbound balikbayans are also required to comply with the **IATF and immigration conditions b-e.***

  
**JAIME H. MORENTE**  
*Commissioner*

**COUNTRIES UNDER E.O. 408 PURSUANT TO SECTION H  
OF DFA FSC NO. 157-2016 DATED 02 SEPTEMBER 2016**

1. Andorra	58. Guinea-Bissau	116. Russia
2. Angola	59. Guyana	117. Rwanda
3. Antigua & Barbuda	60. Haiti	118. Saint Lucia
4. Argentina	61. Honduras	119. Samoa
5. Australia	62. Hungary	120. San Marino
6. Austria	63. Iceland	121. Sao Tome and Principe
7. Bahamas	64. Indonesia	122. Saudi Arabia
8. Bahrain	65. Ireland	123. Senegal
9. Barbados	66. Israel (59 days stay)	124. Seychelles
10. Belgium	67. Italy	125. Singapore
11. Belize (FSC 95-14)	68. Jamaica	126. Slovak Republic
12. Benin	69. Japan	127. Slovenia
13. Bhutan	70. Kazakhstan (FSC 95-14)	128. Solomon Islands
14. Bolivia	71. Kenya	129. South Africa
15. Botswana	72. Kiribati	130. Spain
16. Brazil (59 days stay)	73. Korea (ROK)	131. St. Kitts & Nevis
17. Brunei	74. Kuwait	132. St. Vincent & the Grenadines
18. Bulgaria	75. Kyrgystan (FSC 95-14)	133. Suriname
19. Burkina Faso	76. Laos *	134. Swaziland
20. Burundi	77. Latvia	135. Sweden
21. Cambodia	78. Lesotho	136. Switzerland
22. Cameroon	79. Liberia	137. Tajikistan (FSC 95-14)
23. Canada	80. Liechtenstein	138. Tanzania
24. Cape Verde	81. Lithuania	139. Thailand
25. Central African Republic	82. Luxembourg	140. Togo
26. Chad	83. Madagascar	141. Trinidad & Tobago
27. Chile	84. Malaysia	142. Tunisia
28. Colombia	85. Malawi	143. Turkey
29. Comoros	86. Maldives	144. Turkmenistan (FSC 95-14)
30. Congo	87. Mali	145. Tuvalu
31. Congo, Democratic Republic	88. Malta	146. Uganda
32. Costa Rica	89. Marshall Island	147. United Arab Emirates
33. Cote d' Ivoire	90. Mauritania	148. United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland
34. Croatia (FSC 95-14)	91. Mauritius	149. United States of America
35. Cyprus	92. Mexico	150. Uruguay
36. Czech Republic	93. Micronesia	151. Uzbekistan (FSC 95-14)
37. Denmark	94. Monaco	152. Vanuatu
38. Djibouti	95. Mongolia	153. Vatican
39. Dominica	96. Morocco	154. Venezuela
40. Dominican Republic	97. Mozambique	155. Vietnam
41. Ecuador	98. Myanmar	156. Zambia
42. El Salvador	99. Namibia	157. Zimbabwe
43. Equatorial Guinea	100. Nepal	
44. Eritrea	101. Netherlands	
45. Estonia	102. New Zealand	
46. Ethiopia	103. Nicaragua	
47. Fiji	104. Niger	
48. Finland	105. Norway	
49. France	106. Oman	
50. Gabon	107. Palau	
51. Gambia	108. Panama	
52. Germany	109. Papua New Guinea	
53. Ghana	110. Paraguay	
54. Greece	111. Peru	
55. Grenada	112. Poland	
56. Guatemala	113. Portugal	
57. Guinea	114. Qatar	
	115. Romania	