



ADVISORY

REVISED TRAVEL RESTRICTION GUIDELINES TO BE OBSERVED RELATIVE TO THE SARS-COV-2 UNITED KINGDOM VARIANT (B.1.1.7. OR VUI 2020/12/01) AND SOUTH AFRICAN VARIANT (501.V2)

With reference to the: (1) Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 29 December 2020; (2) Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 31 December 2020; (3) Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 5 January 2021; (4) IATF Resolution No. 92, Series of 2021; and (5) Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 8 January 2021, the following updated travel restrictions are hereby implemented until 15 January 2021, *to wit*:

UPDATED SUMMARY OF TRAVEL-RESTRICTED COUNTRIES

1	United Kingdom of Great Britain	15	Singapore
2	Denmark	16	Sweden
3	Ireland	17	South Korea
4	Japan	18	South Africa
5	Australia	19	Canada
6	Israel	20	Spain
7	The Netherlands	21	United States of America
8	Hong Kong, SAR	22	Portugal
9	Switzerland	23	India
10	France	24	Finland
11	Germany	25	Norway
12	Iceland	26	Jordan
13	Italy	27	Brazil
14	Lebanon	28	Austria <i>*effective 0001H, 10 January 2021 until 15 January 2021</i>

**TRAVEL RESTRICTION GUIDELINES
UP TO 15 JANUARY 2021**

I. For arriving FILIPINO NATIONALS

1. DIRECT FLIGHT FROM TRAVEL-RESTRICTED COUNTRIES

Subject to the rule on unaccompanied minors, all Filipino citizens coming from the travel-restricted countries shall be allowed entry, **but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative RT-PCR result.**

2. UNACCOMPANIED FILIPINO MINORS

- a) All **unaccompanied minor Filipino citizens coming from travel restricted countries shall NOT be allowed entry**, except if such minors are returning through the repatriation program of the national government, who shall be turned over to OWWA and the DSWD upon arrival in the Philippines; and
- b) all **unaccompanied minors from non-travel-restricted** countries shall be allowed entry

3. TRANSIT PASSENGERS

Those who **transited or who have a mere lay-over at the airport of the travel-restricted countries** (lay-over only at the airport and with no immigration admission at said countries) are **allowed to enter** the country **subject to RT-PCR test, quarantine and isolation protocols issued by the DOH.**

Transiting Filipino citizens **who left the airport or were cleared for entry into the covered country by its immigration authorities shall be allowed entry, but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative RT-PCR result.**

II. For arriving FOREIGN NATIONALS

- 1. **Those coming from or who have been to the travel-restricted countries** (i.e. with immigration admission to said countries and not mere lay-over at the airport), within 14 days immediately preceding arrival to the Philippines shall **NOT be allowed entry.**

The above prohibition to enter the Philippines shall apply to ALL foreigners regardless of their visa category, or previously issued endorsement or exemption from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) / privileges (under RA6768/Balikbayan) during the duration of the travel ban, **except those covered by IATF-MEID Resolution No. 92 series of 2021.**

EXEMPTED IN TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS PURSUANT TO IATF-MEID RESOLUTION NO. 92 SERIES OF 2021

- a. Local/accredited foreign diplomats and international organizations such as World Health Organization and United Nations [9(e) visa holders **or** diplomatic/official/regular passport holder with valid 9(a) visa and DFA authorization]
- b. Foreign dignitaries [with DFA authorization]

- c. Those for medical and emergency cases, including their medical escorts, if any [with valid 9(a) visa and DFA authorization]
2. Those who **(a) transited or who have a mere lay-over at the airport of the travel-restricted countries** (lay-over only at the airport and with no immigration admission at said countries); and (b) those **NOT coming from** these countries may be allowed entry, **PROVIDED** they are **authorized to enter** the country **thru relevant resolutions of the IATF-MEID** and **subject to RT-PCR test, quarantine and isolation protocols issued by the DOH.**

Those who **transited and left the airport or who were cleared for entry in to the travel-restricted countries by its immigration authorities shall NOT be allowed entry.**

Existing guidelines for arriving crew member/s shall still be observed.

All of 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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