

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
Bureau of Quarantine



Mandate

The Bureau of Quarantine (BoQ) under the Department of Health (DOH), with the category of a first-class line bureau, shall have a nationwide scope of function and international commitment in accord with the International Health Regulations (IHR) of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Jurisdiction and Functions of the Bureau

The examination at ports of entry and exit in the Philippines of incoming and outgoing vessels and aircraft,

The necessary surveillance over their sanitary conditions, as well as over their cargoes, passengers, crews, and all personal effects, and

The issuance of quarantine certificates, bills of health, or other equivalent documents shall be vested in and be conducted by the Bureau.

This Bureau shall have authority over incoming and outgoing vessels both domestic and foreign, including those of the army and navy, their wharfage and anchorage, and over aircraft and airports, insofar as it is necessary for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 2021 - 64 :

TO: ALL CONCERNED FILIPINO WORKERS (OFW), RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (ROF), LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES, LICENSED EMPLOYMENT/RECRUITMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT EXECUTIVES, REGIONAL TASK FORCES OF THE NTF COVID-19, TG FOR THE REPATRIATION OF OFWs MEMBER AGENCIES AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: CREW CHANGE FOR TRAVEL TO COUNTRIES WITH LIFTED RESTRICTIONS

DATE: September 10, 2021

Pursuant to the IATF Resolution 136 (s. 2021) and pending the response of the IATF, all existing protocols on crew change at the seaport shall remain in effect pending the clarifications by the IATF regarding the reclassification of the 10 countries with previous travel restrictions, as stated, they shall comply with the appropriate entry, testing and quarantine protocols depending on their new category.

For compliance.