

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FOR : THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS
Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging
Infectious Diseases (IATF)

SUBJECT : IMPOSITION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVELERS
FROM INDONESIA

DATE : JUL 14 2021

With reference to IATF Resolution No. 125-A (s. 2021) dated 08 July 2021 recommending the imposition of restrictions on travelers from Indonesia due to the incidence therein of COVID-19 cases caused by the B.1.617 Variant of the SARS-COV-2, also known as the Delta variant, this Office hereby **directs** all relevant agencies to implement the following:

- A. All passengers coming from or who have been to **Indonesia** within fourteen (14) days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, except Filipinos returning pursuant to government-initiated repatriation programs, or as part of non-government repatriation programs and special commercial flights allowed under existing IATF resolutions, shall be prohibited from entering the country effective 1201H of 16 July 2021 Manila time until 2359H of 31 July 2021.
- B. Effective immediately, all passengers who have been to Indonesia within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, arriving before 1201H of 16 July 2021 Manila time, shall not be prohibited from entering the Philippines, but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) result.
- C. Filipinos and foreign passengers merely transiting through Indonesia shall be subject to the following rules:
 1. All passengers, whether Filipinos or foreigners, merely transiting through Indonesia shall not be deemed as having come from or having been to said country, provided that they stayed in the airport the whole time and were not cleared for entry into such country by its immigration authorities; and
 2. Upon arrival in the Philippines, passengers covered by the immediately preceding paragraph need not complete a full 14-day facility-based quarantine, but shall comply with existing testing and quarantine protocols of the national government.
- D. All specimens from travelers coming from Indonesia that turn positive upon testing in the Philippines shall undergo Whole Genome Sequencing. All close contacts must undergo facility-based quarantine for fourteen (14) days, and contact tracing shall expand up to the third generation contacts.

Existing prohibitions and procedures on entry generally applicable to arriving passengers, insofar as consistent with the foregoing, shall continue to be implemented.

The IATF may provide rules and regulations to implement this directive, which may include reasonable exceptions to the entry restrictions and protocols herein imposed. The IATF is also hereby authorized to extend the duration of the foregoing travel restrictions, as may be warranted.

For strict compliance.

By authority of the President:



SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA





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RESOLUTION NO. 125-A

Series of 2021

July 08, 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, on September 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) biosurveillance has detected B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P.1, and P.3 variants of the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) biosurveillance has likewise received information on the existence of B.1.617 variant first detected in India;

WHEREAS, the continued implementation of proactive measures and restrictions must be put in place to slow down the surge in COVID-19 cases, stop further spread of variants, buy time for the health system to cope, and to protect more lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF recommends to the Office of the President the imposition of travel restrictions on all incoming travelers, including Filipino citizens, coming from and those with travel history within the last fourteen days in Indonesia in this wise:

1. All passengers coming from or who have been to Indonesia within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, except Filipinos returning pursuant to



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government-initiated, allowed non-government initiated repatriation programs and special commercial flights shall be prohibited from entering the country effective 0001H of 10 July 2021 until 2359H of 25 July 2021.

2. Effective immediately, all passengers in transit coming from, or who have been to Indonesia within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, arriving before 0001H of 10 July 2021 Manila time, shall not be prohibited from entering the Philippines but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) result.
3. Filipinos and foreign passengers merely transiting through Indonesia shall be subject to the following rules:
 - a. All passengers, whether Filipinos or foreigners, merely transiting through this country shall not be deemed as having come from or having been to such country, provided that they stayed in the airport the whole time and were not cleared for entry into this country by their immigration authorities;
 - b. Upon arrival in the Philippines, passengers covered by the immediately preceding paragraph need not complete a full 14-day facility-based quarantine, and shall comply with existing testing and quarantine protocols of the national government; and
 - c. Transiting passengers who left the airport or were cleared for entry into Indonesia by their immigration authorities shall be prohibited from entering the Philippines; and
4. Finally, all specimens from travelers coming from Indonesia that turn positive upon testing in the Philippines shall undergo Whole Genome Sequencing. All close contacts must undergo facility-based quarantine for 14 days, and contact tracing shall expand up to the third generation contacts.

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.



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APPROVED during the 125th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this July 08, 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 Assistant Secretary 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;
5. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on **08 July 2021** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **125-B** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the authority of the IATF Members;
7. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
8. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **8th** day of July 2021, Manila.


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