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REVISED GUIDELINES PER IATF-MEID RESOLUTION NO. 115, SERIES OF 2021 and MEMORANDUM FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DATED 14 MAY 2021

With reference to the: (1) Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 05 May 2021; (2) IATF-MEID Resolution No. 114, Series of 2021 dated 06 May 2021; (3) IATF-MEID Resolution No. 115, Series of 2021 dated 13 May 2021; and (4) Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 14 May 2021 re: *Imposition of Travel Restrictions on Travelers from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Oman and the United Arab Emirates to Prevent the Entry of the SARS-COV-2 B.1.617 Variant First Detected in India*, the following revised travel restrictions are hereby implemented, *to wit*:

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- E. All 9(a) visa holders are required to have an entry exemption document to be allowed entry in the Philippines. For those issued by the National Task Force Against COVID-19, they shall be recognized as valid until May 31, 2021.¹

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- A. All passengers coming from or who have been to **India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Oman and the United Arab Emirates**² within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines shall be prohibited from entering the country effective 0001H of 15 May 2021 Manila until 2359H of 31 May 2021.
- B. Effective immediately, all passengers coming from or who have been to India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Oman and the United Arab Emirates within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, arriving before 0001H of 15 May 2021 Manila time, shall not be prohibited from entering the Philippines, but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based fourteen (14)-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) result.
- C. Filipinos coming from the foregoing countries covered by any repatriation program of the national government, 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.

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¹ IATF-MEID Resolution No. 115 Series of 2021 dated 13 May 2021

² Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 14 May 2021

D. Filipinos and foreign passengers merely transiting through India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Oman and the United Arab Emirates shall be subject to the following rules:

1. All passengers, whether Filipinos or foreigners, merely transiting through these countries 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 these countries by their 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.

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IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, please be advised of the updated summary of travel-restricted countries and revised travel restrictions:

**UPDATED SUMMARY OF TRAVEL-RESTRICTED COUNTRIES
UP TO 31 MAY 2021**

1. India	5. Bangladesh
2. Pakistan	6. Oman*
3. Nepal	7. United Arab Emirates*
4. Sri Lanka	

***Effective 0001H of 15 May 2021**

1. ALL arriving passengers coming from, or who have been to the above travel-restricted countries within the last fourteen (14) days shall **NOT be allowed entry**;
2. ALL arriving passengers coming from, or who have been to the above travel-restricted countries within the last fourteen (14) days, **arriving before 0001H of 15 May 2021**, shall undergo an absolute fourteen (14)-day facility-based quarantine and be required a negative Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) result;
3. Arriving Filipinos, under the repatriation program of the government, coming from the above travel-restricted countries shall undergo an absolute fourteen (14)-day facility-based quarantine and be required a negative Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) result;
4. Those who: **(a) transited or who have a mere lay-over at the airport of travel-restricted countries** (lay-over only at the airport and with no

immigration admission at said countries); and **(b) NOT coming from these countries** may be allowed entry, PROVIDED they are authorized to enter the country thru relevant resolutions of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) and subjected to existing testing and quarantine protocols issued by the Department of Health (DOH)³;

5. Foreign nationals who are holders of valid **9(a) visa or Special Resident Retiree's Visa (SRRV)** shall secure an entry exemption document [i.e. Department of Foreign Affairs' (DFA) exemption and/or National Task Force Against COVID-19 (NTF) exemption] prior to arrival to be allowed entry into the country; and
6. The entry exemption document issued by the National Task Force Against COVID-19 shall be valid until 31 May 2021 only.

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

The foregoing is without prejudice to the exercise of the mandate of the Bureau of Immigration in Arrival and Departure formalities.

For strict compliance.

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JAIME H. MORENTE
Commissioner

³ BI Advisory dated 11 May 2021 per IATF-MEID Resolution No. 114, s. 2021 dated 06 May 2021:

All arriving passengers [except for 9(e) visa holders] shall present a pre-booked accommodation for at least ten (10) nights in an accredited quarantine hotel/facility at the Immigration counters for initial check. Foreign nationals who fail to present a pre-booked accommodation shall be denied entry and shall be boarded immediately in the next available flight.