



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE

TO : ALL OSS FOR SEAFARERS HEADS & SECRETARIATS

SUBJECT : IMPOSITION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVELERS FROM MALAYSIA AND THAILAND

DATE : 23 JULY 2021

With reference to the memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 23 July 2021 with subject: "Imposition of Travel Restrictions on Travelers from Malaysia and Thailand". In view of the said issuance, please be guided of the following regarding the conduct of crew changes.

- I. Travel restrictions remain in place on travelers from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, United Arab Emirates, Oman, and Indonesia until 31 July 2021.
- II. Pursuant to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 23 July 2021, all OSS are directed to observe the following in the conduct of crew changes:
 - A. All seafarers coming from or who have been to Malaysia and Thailand 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 0001H of 25 July 2021 (Manila Time) until 2359H of 31 July 2021.
 - B. Effective immediately, all seafarers who have been to Malaysia and Thailand within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, **arriving before 0001H of 25 July 2021** shall not be prohibited from entering the country, but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period, notwithstanding a negative RTPCR result.
 - C. Filipino and foreign seafarers with no immigration stamp/admission from Malaysia and Thailand will be subjected to the existing testing and quarantine protocols of the national government.
 - D. All specimens from seafarers coming from Malaysia and Thailand that turned 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.

Please be guided accordingly.

VADM NARCISO A VINGSON JR
Assistant Secretary for Maritime

cc: Office of the Secretary, This Department
CTS, PCG, FPA, CPA and MARINA

**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 MALAYSIA AND THAILAND**

DATE : **JUL 23 2021**

With reference to 21 July 2021 Joint Recommendation of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to impose travel restrictions on travelers from Malaysia and Thailand to prevent further entry of 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 **Malaysia and Thailand** 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 0001H of 25 July 2021 Manila time until 2359H of 31 July 2021.
- B. Effective immediately, all passengers who have been to Malaysia and Thailand within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, arriving before 0001H of 25 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 Malaysia and Thailand shall be subject to the following rules:
 1. All passengers, whether Filipinos or foreigners, merely transiting through the these countries 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 Malaysia and Thailand 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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