

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 160-B

Series of 2022 March 10, 2022

WHEREAS, Section 2(c) 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 local spread of emerging infectious diseases (EID) in the country through the establishment or reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with EID, contact tracing, identification of the mode of the exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

WHEREAS, on 10 September 2021, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s. 2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until 12 September 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

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 have detected B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), P.1 (Gamma), B.1.617 (Delta), and B.1.1.529 (Omicron) variants of SARS CoV-2 in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in order to minimize the cross-border transmission of SARS CoV-2, there is a need to adopt border control and quarantine measures for all passengers entering the Philippine territory by sea or by air.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that, in view of the temporary suspension of the classification of countries, territories and/or jurisdictions into "Green," "Yellow," and "Red," the following shall be the new entry, testing and quarantine protocols for **foreign nationals arriving from abroad, effective 0001H of 10 February 2022:**

A. Foreign Nationals Entering the Philippines Visa-Free

- 1. Foreign nationals traveling to the Philippines for business and tourism purposes may enter the Philippines without visas, provided they:
 - a. Qualify as former Filipino citizens with *Balikbayan* privilege under Republic Act No. 9174, including their spouse and/or children who are not *balikbayans* in their own right and are traveling with them to the Philippines; provided they are not restricted nationals; **OR**
 - b. Are a citizen/national of the following countries entitled to a stay not exceeding thirty (30) days (Executive Order 408, S. 1960, as amended):



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44. Eritrea

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1. Andorra	45. Estonia	90. Mauritius
2. Angola	46. Ethiopia	91. Mexico
3. Antigua and Barbuda	47. Fiji	92. Micronesia
4. Argentina	48. Finland	93. Monaco
5. Australia	49. France	94. Mongolia
6. Austria	50. Gabon	95. Morocco
7. Bahamas	51. Gambia	96. Mozambique
8. Bahrain	52. Germany	97. Myanmar
9. Barbados	53. Ghana	98. Namibia
10. Belgium	54. Greece	99. Nepal
11. Belize	55. Grenada	100. Netherlands
12. Benin	56. Guatemala	101. New Zealand
13. Bhutan	57. Guinea	102. Nicaragua
14. Bolivia	58. Guinea Bissau	103. Niger
15. Botswana	59. Guyana	104. Norway
16. Brazil	60. Haiti	105. Oman
17. Brunei Darussalam	61. Honduras	106. Palau
18. Bulgaria	62. Hungary	107. Panama
19. Burkina Faso	63. Iceland	108. Papua New Guinea
20. Burundi	64. Indonesia	109. Paraguay
21. Cambodia	65. Ireland	110. Peru
22. Cameroon	66. Israel	111. Poland
23. Canada	67. Italy	112. Portugal
24. Cape Verde	68. Jamaica	113. Qatar
25. Central African Republic	69. Japan	114. Republic of Korea
26. Chad	70. Kazakhstan	115. Romania
27. Chile	71. Kenya	116. Russia
28. Colombia	72. Kiribati	117. Rwanda
29. Comoros	73. Kuwait	118. Saint Kitts and Nevis
30. Congo	74. Kyrgyzstan	119. Saint Lucia
31. Costa Rica	75. Lao PDR	120. Saint Vincent and the
32. Cote d'Ivoire	76. Latvia	Grenadines
33. Croatia	77. Lesotho	121. Samoa
34. Cyprus	78. Liberia	122. San Marino
35. Czech Republic	79. Liechtenstein	123. Sao Tome and Principe
36. Democratic Republic of	80. Lithuania	124. Saudi Arabia
e Congo	81. Luxembourg	125. Senegal
37. Denmark	82. Madagascar	126. Seychelles
38. Djibouti	83. Malawi	127. Singapore
39. Dominica	84. Malaysia	128. Slovak Republic
40. Dominican Republic	85. Maldives	129. Slovenia
41. Ecuador	86. Mali	130. Solomon Islands
42. El Salvador	87. Malta	131. South Africa
43. Equatorial Guinea	88. Marshall Islands	132. Spain
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89. Mauritania

133. Suriname



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134. Swaziland	143. Turkmenistan	151. Uzbekistan
135. Sweden	144. Tuvalu	152. Vanuatu
136. Switzerland	145. Uganda	153. Vatican
137. Tajikistan	146. UAE	154. Venezuela
138. Thailand	147. UK and Northern Ireland	155. Vietnam
139. Togo	148. United Republic of	156. Zambia
140. Trinidad and Tobago	Tanzania	157. Zimbabwe
141. Tunisia	149. USA	
142. Turkey	150. Uruguay	

- c. Are holders of Hong Kong SAR or Macau SAR passports entitled to stay for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days;
- d. Are **fully vaccinated**, as defined in Section A(2) below, except only for minor children below twelve (12) years of age traveling with their fully-vaccinated foreign parent/s;
- e. Carry/possess an **acceptable proof of vaccination**, as set out in Section A(3) below;
- f. Present a <u>negative</u> RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours or a negative laboratory based Antigen Test taken within twenty-four (24) hours, prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, he/she has not left the airport premises or has not been admitted into another country during such lay-over;
- g. Have passports valid for a period of at least six (6) months at the time of their arrival to the Philippines;
- h. h. Except for foreign spouses and/or children of Filipino citizens and former Filipino citizens with balikbayan privilege under Republic Act No. 9174, including their foreign spouse and/or children who: (i) are not balikbayans in their own right and (ii) are traveling with them to the Philippines, have valid tickets for their return journey to the port of origin or next port of destination not later than thirty (30) days from date of arrival in the Philippines; AND
- i. Obtain, prior to arrival, a travel insurance for COVID-19 treatment costs from reputed insurers, with a minimum coverage of USD 35,000.00 for the duration of their stay in the Philippines.
- 2. A foreign national shall be deemed fully vaccinated only if he/she is fully compliant with the following requisites:
 - a. Received the second (2nd) dose in a 2-dose series or a single dose vaccine more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date and time of



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departure from the country of origin/port of embarkation.

- b. The vaccine is included in any of the following:
 - i. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit (CSP) issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; **OR**
 - ii. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.
- 3. The following shall be the only acceptable proofs of vaccination, which shall be presented prior to departing/boarding from the country of origin/port of embarkation and upon arrival in the country:
 - a. World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis; OR
 - b. VaxCertPH; OR
 - c. National or state digital certificate of the country/foreign government which has accepted VaxCertPH under a reciprocal arrangement; OR
 - d. Other proofs of vaccination permitted by the IATF.
- 4. Visa-free foreign nationals who fail to fully comply with the conditions and requisites set forth in Section A(1) to (3) above shall be denied admission into the country and shall be subject to the appropriate exclusion proceedings.
- 5. Once admitted into the country, they are no longer required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the local government unit (LGU) of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.

B. Foreign Children Traveling with Filipino Nationals

- 1. A foreign child or children below twelve (12) years of age who are not vaccinated for any reason whatsoever and traveling with their Filipino parent, shall follow the entry, testing, and quarantine protocols of their Filipino parent traveling with them.
- 2. A foreign child or children from ages twelve (12) to seventeen (17) years of age traveling with their Filipino parent, shall follow the protocol based on their vaccination status (i.e., vaccinated or unvaccinated). In case of such unvaccinated minor children, either foreign or Filipino parents should accompany such child or children during their facility-based quarantine.



C. Foreign Nationals Entering Through 9(a) Visa

- 1. Foreign nationals covered by Section A(1)(b) intending to stay beyond thirty (30) days for purposes other than tourism or leisure, or not covered or qualified under Section A(1)(a), A(1)(b), or A(1)(c) above, or foreign nationals from visa-required countries or restricted foreign nationals, may enter the Philippines through an entry exemption document (EED) issued under existing IATF rules and regulations, provided:
 - a. They are **fully vaccinated**, as defined in Section A(2) above, except only for minor children below twelve (12) years of age traveling with their fully-vaccinated parent/s;
 - b. They carry/possess an **acceptable proof of vaccination**, as set out in Section A(3) above; **AND**
 - c. They present a negative RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, he/she has not left the airport premises or has not been admitted into another country during such lay-over.
- 2. Foreign spouses and children of Filipino citizens who: (i) are not nationals of E.O. 408 countries, whether or not traveling with said Filipino citizen; or (ii) are from visa-required countries; or (iii) who are restricted nationals may enter the country without need of an entry exemption document (EED), provided they have been issued a 9(a) visa with the appropriate visa notation. These foreign nationals are likewise required to comply with the provisions of Section A(1)(d) to A(1)(i).
- 3. Once admitted into the country, they are no longer required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the local government unit (LGU) of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.
- 4. Foreign nationals who are found not compliant with the condition set forth in Section A(3) above shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day, with the date of arrival being their first day.

The local government units of destination and their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams are tasked to monitor those arriving passengers undergoing home quarantine.

D. Foreign Nationals with Other Types of Visas

- 1. Foreign nationals with valid and existing visas other than 9(a) visas may be allowed entry into the Philippines provided they are fully vaccinated as defined in Section A(2) and are able to present proofs of vaccination as set out in Section A(3), and shall no longer required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the local government unit (LGU) of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.
- 2. Foreign nationals covered by this Section D who shall not be fully vaccinated as defined in Section A(2) above shall be denied admission into the country and shall be subject to the appropriate exclusion proceedings.
- 3. Foreign nationals covered by this Section D who fail to fully comply with the conditions and requisites set forth in Section A(3) above shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day, with the date of arrival being their first day.
- E. Fully vaccinated foreign nationals shall not be included in the arrival quota set by the Department of Transportation (DOTR) and its One-Stop-Shop (OSS).

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution shall supersede the relevant entry, testing, and quarantine protocols for foreign nationals under IATF Resolution No. 159 dated 27 January 2022. Other previous IATF resolutions inconsistent herewith are deemed modified accordingly.

RESOLVED FINALLY, 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.



APPROVED during the 160th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this February 03, 2022, via video conference.

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