

# BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION ADVISORY



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## IMMIGRATION MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. JHM-2020- 004

### Extended Travel Restrictions On Inbound Foreign Nationals

*WHEREAS*, on 20 March 2020, the Department of Foreign Affairs issued Foreign Service Circular No. 29-2020 and the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease issued Resolution No. 14 *suspending* visa issuance and visa-free privileges to all foreign nationals and *cancelling* Foreign Service Posts-issued visas effective 22 March 2020; *except* for accredited foreign government and international organization officials and their dependents, as well as foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals;

*WHEREAS*, on 20 March 2020, this Bureau issued Immigration Memorandum Circular No. JHM-2020-002 entitled *Temporary Travel Restrictions On Inbound Foreign Nationals During the Enhanced Community Quarantine* likewise imposing travel restrictions on inbound foreign nationals either with immigrant, non-immigrant or special visas; *except* for accredited foreign government and international organization officials and their dependents, foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals, and foreign airline crew;

*WHEREAS*, there is a need to extend such travel restrictions on inbound foreign nationals;

*WHEREFORE*, pursuant to the implementation of the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) global pandemic, the Commissioner of Immigration hereby issues and promulgates the following:

**Section 1. Coverage.** - All inbound foreign nationals.

**Section 2. Travel Restrictions.** - Foreigners outside the country either with immigrant, non-immigrant or special visas shall not be allowed to enter the Philippines, except for:

1. Accredited Foreign Government and International Organization officials and their dependents;
2. Foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals; and
3. Foreign airline crew.

**Section 3. Exclusion.** - All Exclusion Order issued against a foreigner pursuant to this Circular shall be deemed as final and executory. The foreign passenger shall be promptly boarded on the same vessel or immediately succeeding flight.

**Section 4. Effectivity.** - This Circular shall take effect immediately, and until the travel restrictions on inbound foreign nationals is lifted by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease.

07 July 2020.

  
**JAIME H. MORENTE**  
Commissioner

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**NOTE WITH RECOMMENDATION**

**TO :** THE COMMISSIONER  
**FROM :** ACTING CHIEF, PORT OPERATIONS DIVISION  
**SUBJECT :** NON-ESSENTIAL OUTBOUND TRAVEL OF FILIPINOS  
**DATE :** 07 JULY 2020

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Pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) Resolution No. 52 Series of 2020 dated 06 July 2020, travel restrictions imposed to non-essential outbound travel of Filipinos is hereby lifted.

However, the non-essential outbound travel shall be **subjected to the following conditions:**

1. Submission of **confirmed round-trip tickets** for those **travelling on tourist visa**;
2. **Adequate travel and health insurance to cover rebooking and accommodation expenses if stranded, and hospitalization in case of infection**, in such amount as may be **determined by the Department of Tourism (DOT)**;
3. **Allowed entry by the destination country** in accordance with their travel, health and quarantine restrictions;
4. **Execution of a Declaration** acknowledging the risks involved in travelling, including risk of delay in their return trip, **to be provided for in the check-in counters by the airlines**; and
5. Upon return, shall follow the **Guidelines of Returning Overseas Filipinos** of the National Task Force (NTF).

All of the foregoing is without prejudice to the exercise of the mandate of the Bureau of Immigration prior to departure (i.e. Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003).

For your information and most appropriate action.

  
GRIPTON SP. MEDINA

  
APPROVED ~~DISAPPROVED~~  
JAIMIE H. MORANTE  
Commissioner

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