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MAGALLANES DRIVE, INTRAMUROS 1002 MANILA

#### IMMIGRATION MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. JHM-2020- 0 0 4

#### **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:

- Accredited Foreign Government and International Organization officials and their dependents;
- Foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals; and
- 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.

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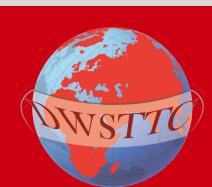
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### REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION MAGALLANES DRIVE, INTRAMUROS 1002 MANILA

#### NOTE WITH RECOMMENDATION

TO

THE COMMISSIONER

FROM

**ACTING CHIEF, PORT OPERATIONS DIVISION** 

SUBJECT :

**NON-ESSENTIAL OUTBOUND TRAVEL OF FILIPINOS** 

DATE

07 JULY 2020

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:

- Submission of confirmed round-trip tickets for those travelling on tourist visa;
- 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);
- Allowed entry by the destination country in accordance with their travel, health and guarantine restrictions;
- 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
- 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.

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JAME H. MOREN Commissioner

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