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**REVISED GUIDELINES AS PER IATF- MEID RESOLUTION NO. 113
SERIES OF 2021**

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) issued Resolution No. 113 dated 29 April 2021 which provides:

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B. Beginning 01 May 2021, the foreign nationals allowed under previous IATF resolutions shall be allowed to enter the Philippines subject to the following conditions:

1. With valid and existing visa at the time of entry, except for those qualified under Balikbayan Program under Republic Act No. 6768 or the Act Instituting the Balikbayan Program;
2. With pre-booked accommodation for at least seven (7) nights in an accredited quarantine hotel/facility;
3. Subject to COVID-19 testing at the quarantine hotel/ facility on the sixth (6th) day from date of arrival; and
4. Subject to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers at the port and date of entry.

However, travel restrictions imposed by IATF Resolution No. 112 (s. 2021) issued on 27 April 2021 shall continue to be in force.

The foregoing is without prejudice to immigration laws, rules and regulations such that the Commissioner of Immigration shall have the exclusive prerogative to decide on waiver or recall of exclusion orders for foreign nationals, including other foreign nationals who have entered the Philippines by virtue of IATF resolutions, subject to regular reporting to the IATF Secretariat at the end of each calendar month.

The Bureau of Immigration is directed to formulate the necessary guidelines to ensure smooth implementation of the foregoing.

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In view of the foregoing, the following guidelines shall govern the entry of passengers to the Philippines **beginning 01 May 2021**:

I. ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO THE PHILIPPINES

1. Filipino citizens, including those with Identification Certificate (IC) as proof of recognition as a Filipino citizen or as proof of retention/reacquisition of Philippine citizenship under RA9225;

2. Foreign nationals with valid and existing visas at the time of entry;
3. Foreign nationals allowed entry under the Balikbayan Program (RA6768), provided they are nationals from non-visa required countries under EO408:
 - a. Former Filipino citizens, together with their foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, who are travelling with them; and
 - b. Filipino citizens' spouses and children, regardless of age, who are travelling with them.
4. Foreign nationals who are holders of valid and existing Special Resident and Retirees Visa (SRRV) or Section 9(a) visas, provided they present, upon arrival, an entry exemption document issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Except for Section 9(e) visa holders who are covered by a different testing and quarantine protocols, the entry of all other foreign nationals shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a. With pre-booked accommodation for at least seven (7) nights in an accredited quarantine hotel/facility; and
- b. Subject to COVID-19 testing at the quarantine hotel/ facility on the sixth (6th) day from date of arrival.

The pre-booked accommodation for at least seven (7) nights in a quarantine hotel accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT) shall be presented for initial check at the immigration counters. Those who fail to present a pre-booked accommodation shall be denied entry and shall be boarded immediately in the next available flight.

Foreign nationals who were cleared for entry but subsequently found to have presented a counterfeit or fraudulent pre-booked accommodation upon validation by the DOT, or those who will violate the testing and quarantine protocols of the Department of Health, shall be subject to deportation.

II. NOT ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO THE PHILIPPINES

The travel restriction imposed by IATF Resolution No. 112, s. 2021 for **ALL travelers coming from India or those with travel history in India** within the last fourteen (14) days preceding arrival in the Philippines shall remain in force.

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

For strict compliance.

30 April 2021


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Commissioner