



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL OSS FOR SEAFARERS HEADS & SECRETARIATS

SUBJECT : UPDATED GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF CREW CHANGES IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE RISKS POSED BY THE NEW SARS-CoV-2 VARIANT

DATE : 07 JANUARY 2021

With reference to the memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 31 December 2020 regarding the Additional Measures Relative to the SARS-COV-2 (B117) Variant Detected in the United Kingdom, please see updated guidelines on the conduct of crew changes:

- A. Ships coming from or having rendered port of call/s from the below listed countries within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, are temporarily restricted from disembarking their foreign seafarers until 15 January 2021.

List of Identified Countries

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| 1. Australia | 15. Jordan |
| 2. Brazil | 16. Lebanon |
| 3. Canada | 17. Netherlands |
| 4. Denmark | 18. Norway |
| 5. Finland | 19. Portugal |
| 6. France | 20. Singapore |
| 7. Germany | 21. South Africa |
| 8. Hong Kong | 22. South Korea |
| 9. Iceland | 23. Spain |
| 10. India | 24. Sweden |
| 11. Ireland | 25. Switzerland |
| 12. Israel | 26. United Kingdom |
| 13. Italy | 27. United States |
| 14. Japan | |

Please note that additional countries can be included in the above list as may be directed by the Office of the President.

However, foreign passengers coming from, or who have been to Portugal, India, Finland, Norway, Jordan and Brazil within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, **arriving before January 8, 2021, 12:01AM, Manila time, shall be allowed to enter the Philippines.** They shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period, even if they obtain a negative RT-PCR test result.

- B. **Filipino and foreign seafarers with no immigration admission** in any of the countries listed in Item A within the last 14 days preceding arrival in the Philippines shall be allowed to disembark subject to existing health and safety protocols of the established One-Shop Shops (OSS) for Seafarers.
- C. **Filipino seafarers** coming from countries mentioned in Item A, or who have been to the same within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, **shall not be prohibited from disembarking their ships**, but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative RT-PCR result.
- D. Seafarers that fall under the classifications of Items C are **only allowed to disembark in Port of Manila** and shall be transported by their shipping agents to the designated quarantine facility via P2P under strict monitoring of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).
- Relative thereto, Filipino seafarers shall undergo the mandatory 14-day quarantine in OWWA-assigned facilities or at Athlete's Village in New Clark City with accommodation shouldered by the Philippine government.
- E. Embarkation to ships bound to the countries mentioned in Item A shall be subject to the existing exit protocols of the Philippines as well as entry protocols of the respective countries.

In view of the above, kindly see **Summary of Guidelines for Seafarer Disembarkation effective until 15 January 2021** for reference.

Seafarer Classification	Recorded Port of Call in Flagged Countries		
	Less than 14 days Preceding Arrival in the PH	More than 14 days Preceding Arrival in the PH	None
FOREIGNER	PROHIBITED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED
FILIPINO	ALLOWED (Absolute 14-day quarantine)	ALLOWED	ALLOWED

For immediate and strict implementation.

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