



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

RESOLUTION NO. 57

Series of 2020

July 21, 2020

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Office of the Executive Secretary issued Executive Order (E.O.) No. 112 Imposing an Enhanced Community Quarantine in High-Risk Geographic Areas of the Philippines and a General Community Quarantine in the Rest of The Country from 01 To 15 May 2020, Adopting The Omnibus Guidelines On The Implementation Thereof, And For Other Purposes;

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted to the IATF under E.O. 112, the IATF issued and published amended Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of the Community Quarantine in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, due to developments in the situation of the COVID-19 health event in the country, further amendments are required to further streamline the government's response to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, as of 21 July 2020, there are Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six (45,646) active cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that the IATF approves the following:

A. The recommendations of the sub-Technical Working Group on Travel are hereby approved, the specifics of which are as follows:

1. Paragraph C of Inter-Agency Task Force Resolution No. 52 dated July 06, 2020 is hereby amended, to wit:

C. The recommendations of the sub-Technical Working Group on the Entry of Foreign Nationals are approved, the specifics of which are as follows:

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1. *The sTWG on the Entry of Foreign Nationals shall be reconstituted to sub-Technical Working Group on Travel.*
2. *The **essential** outbound travel of Filipinos shall be subject to the following conditions:*



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- i. Execution of a **Bureau of Immigration** 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*
- ii. 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.

Provided, those with confirmed bookings as of 20 July 2020 shall be allowed outbound travel subject to IATF Resolution No. 52, dated 06 July 2020.

2. The Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines providing for essential outbound travel is hereby amended, to wit:

Section [7] Guidelines for Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement

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*OFWs, students enrolled abroad and participants accepted in exchange visitor programs, permanent residents of foreign jurisdictions, and foreign nationals, may leave for abroad through any of the airports or seaports in the country. **Essential travel of Filipinos leaving for abroad for business and work, medical, emergency, and other humanitarian reasons, and which cannot be postponed, may also be allowed subject to presentation of sufficient supporting documents including the execution of 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.** Provided that this provision shall not be interpreted to allow outbound travel by Filipinos to countries where travel restrictions are in place. Provided, further, that departing passengers may be accompanied by not more than one (1) person when traveling to any international port, who shall be allowed to return to his/her point of origin. **Provided finally, upon***





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return, they shall follow the Guidelines of Returning Overseas Filipinos of the National Task Force (NTF).

- B. Provisions of previous IATF Resolutions notwithstanding, the IATF supports the efforts of the Department of Labor and Employment and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration to negotiate the terms of existing Bilateral Labor Agreements.
- C. In view of the forthcoming State of the Nation Address, the Inter-Agency Task Force strongly reiterates that mass gatherings, such as, but not limited to movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings, are prohibited in areas under General Community Quarantine, subject only to very limited exceptions stated in Section 4, Paragraph 12 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended.

APPROVED during the 57th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 21st of July 2020 *via* video conference.


FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III
Secretary, Department of Health
IATF Chairperson


KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretary
IATF Co-Chairperson




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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the designated Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, series of 2014 and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
5. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on 21 July 2020 via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. 57 was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon authority of the IATF Members;
7. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
8. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 21st day of July 2020, Manila.

for: 
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