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SUBJECT: BUREAU OF QUARANTINE (BOQ) ADVISORY (12 September 2022)

"UPDATED ENTRY, QUARANTINE AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ARRIVING FILIPINO PASSENGERS"

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MESSAGE:

In line with the OSS Crew Change Protocol in response to COVID-19, disseminated herewith is the Advisory from the Bureau of Quarantine Director Ferdinand S. Salcedo, MD, MPH, CESO IV dated 12 September 2022 regarding the Updated Entry, Quarantine and Testing Requirements for Arriving Filipino Passengers.

For information and compliance.

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Mandate

The **Bureau of Quarantine** (**BoQ**) under the Department of Health (DOH), with the category of a first-class line bureau, shall have a nationwide scope of function and international commitment in accord with the International Health Regulations (IHR) of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Jurisdiction and Functions of the Bureau

The examination at ports of entry and exit in the Philippines of incoming and outgoing vessels and aircraft,

The necessary surveillance over their sanitary conditions, as well as over their cargoes, passengers, crews, and all personal effects, and

The issuance of quarantine certificates, bills of health, or other equivalent documents shall be vested in and be conducted by the Bureau.

This Bureau shall have authority over incoming and outgoing vessels both domestic and foreign, including those of the army and navy, their wharfage and anchorage, and over aircraft and airports, insofar as it is necessary for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this Act. Republic of the Philippines Bureau of Quarantine Department of Health

ADVISORY

UPDATED ENTRY, QUARANTINE AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ARRIVING FILIPINO PASSENGERS

September 12, 2022

For the continued guidance of the public, the following entry, testing and quarantine requirements for Filipinos arriving from abroad shall be implemented at all ports of entry pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 168:

- 1. Fully vaccinated travelers with booster shot and fully vaccinated travelers without booster shot, but failed to comply with the predeparture RT-PCR or antigen testing shall not be required to undergo facility-based quarantine and testing, provided that:
 - a. They have received the second dose in a 2-dose series or a single dose vaccine more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/port of embarkation.
 - b. They possess and present any of the following proofs of vaccination: i) World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis; or ii) VaxCertPh; or iii) National or state digital certificate of the country/foreign government which has accepted VaxCertPh under a reciprocal arrangement; or iv) Other proofs of vaccination permitted by the IATF.
- 2. Unvaccinated, partially vaccinated and individuals whose vaccination status cannot be independently validated shall undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day from the date of arrival.

For immediate and strict implementation.

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