

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FOR : THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS
Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging
Infectious Diseases (IATF)

SUBJECT : ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO BE OBSERVED RELATIVE TO
THE SARS-COV-2 VARIANT FIRST DETECTED IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM

DATE : JAN 05 2021

With reference to the (1) Joint recommendation of the Department of Health and the Department of Foreign Affairs dated 04 January 2021, submitted pursuant to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 29 December 2020, relative to the SARS-CoV-2 variant (B.1.1.7 or VUI 2020/12/01) first detected in the United Kingdom (UK variant), and (2) IATF Resolution No. 92-A (s. 2021), recommending the entry restriction on unaccompanied minor Filipino citizens from countries/jurisdictions subject to the travel restrictions in view of the UK variant, this Office hereby **directs** all relevant agencies to implement the following:

- I. Inclusion of Portugal, India, Finland, Norway, Jordan, and Brazil among the countries/jurisdictions subject to travel restrictions**
 - A. 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 shall be prohibited from entering the country effective 0001H, 08 January 2021 Manila time until 15 January 2021;
 - B. Effective immediately, foreign passengers coming from, or who have been to the aforesaid countries/jurisdictions within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, arriving before 0001H of 08 January 2021 Manila time, shall not be prohibited from entering the Philippines but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) result;
 - C. Likewise effective immediately, Filipino citizens coming from, or who have been to the aforesaid countries/jurisdictions within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, including those arriving after 0001H of 08 January 2021 Manila time, shall not be prohibited from entering the country, but shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative RT-PCR result; and
 - D. Filipino and foreign passengers merely transiting through the aforesaid countries/jurisdictions shall be covered by the rules as provided in paragraph II of the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 31 December 2020.

II. Rules on incoming unaccompanied minor Filipino passengers

- A. Effective 0001H 08 January 2021, all unaccompanied minor Filipino citizens coming from countries/jurisdictions where travel restrictions are in place on account of the UK variant pursuant to the directives of this Office, shall not be allowed entry until 15 January 2021, except if such minors are returning through the repatriation program of the national government. The repatriated minors shall be turned over to the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration house parent who, in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), shall ensure the minors' safety and their observance of quarantine protocols.
- B. All unaccompanied minor Filipino citizens who are not part of the repatriation program of the national government, arriving prior to 0001H 08 January 2021, shall be turned over to an authorized DSWD officer who can similarly ensure their safety and observance of quarantine protocols.

This directive is without prejudice to existing prohibitions and procedures on entry pursuant to rules and protocols generally applicable to arriving passengers.

The IATF may provide rules and regulations to implement this and related directives, which may include reasonable exceptions to the entry restrictions and protocols imposed by this Office in relation to the UK variant, as the situation develops.

For strict compliance.

By authority of the President:


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