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Please be advised that on 29 April 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) issued the following:

A. **IATF RESOLUTION NO. 113 series of 2021**, which provides that 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 the 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;
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. This Resolution, as echoed in CAB Advisory dated 27 April 2021, essentially provides that all passengers coming from India or those with travel history to India, within the last 14 days preceding arrival shall be prohibited from entering the Philippines beginning 0001H of April 29, 2021, until May 14, 2021.

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.

B. **IATF RESOLUTION 113-A**, which approved the final list of community quarantine classification, as follows:

1. Abra and Ifugao in the Cordillera Administrative Region; the City of Santiago and Quirino Province in Region 2; the National Capital Region; Bulacan; and Cavite, Laguna, Rizal in Region IV-A shall be placed under the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) classification from May 1 until May 14, 2021.



2. Apayao, Baguio City, Benguet, Kalinga, Mountain Province in CAR; Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya in Region 2; Batangas and Quezon in Region 4-A; Puerto Princesa City for Luzon; Tacloban City for the Visayas; and Iligan City, Davao City, and Lanao del Sur for Mindanao shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) from May 1-31, 2021.
3. All other areas shall be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) for the month of May.

In light of the extension of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) classification of the National Capital Region (NCR), Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna and Cavite starting 1 May until 14 May 2021, please be advised that the provisions of CAB Advisory dated 11 April 2021 shall continue to be in effect for the duration of the imposition of the MECQ, as follows:

1. The provisions applicable to MECQ areas as provided in the Omnibus Guidelines in the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, shall be in effect in the NCR+ bubble. Air transportation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and following the protocols as provided for by the Department of Transportation;
2. International inbound passenger capacity at the Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) shall remain to be limited at the maximum of 1,500 passengers per day, subject to amendment as may be determined by the DOTr.

Airlines operating in NAIA that will exceed the allowed capacity will be meted with the appropriate penalty pursuant to Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2021-01 dated 08 January 2021, issued by the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), and the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB);

3. Domestic commercial operations shall be allowed subject to compliance with the requirements or restrictions on capacity and frequency of flights that may be imposed by all the LGUs outside of the NCR+ bubble;

Airlines are advised to communicate with the concerned LGUs having jurisdiction over the airports concerned to ensure proper coordination specifically on the restrictions and requirements in place in the intended destination.

4. Pursuant to the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, movement of persons shall only be allowed for essential purposes for Authorized Persons Outside of their Residences (APOR).

APORs who are travelling by air, including persons transporting them to and from the airport, shall likewise be exempted from the curfew.

For this purpose, airlines shall screen departing passengers to validate that the travel is for essential purposes.

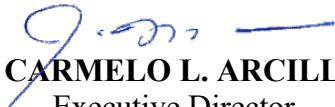
Further, all airlines are required to observe the following:

1. to strictly implement and adhere to the health and safety protocols/measures as established by the IATF, DOH, and as provided under the Omnibus Protocol/ Guidelines for Public Transport which shall be observed in all airport facilities and while on board the aircraft;
2. to provide immediate notification of the status of flights to passengers whose flights may be cancelled or postponed via all available means of communication, and provide all necessary information relative thereto; and
3. to strictly adhere to the provisions of the Air Passenger Bill of Rights in case of flight cancellations. Airlines are further urged to offer not only refund but also the rebooking of tickets that are unused as a result of the above-mentioned directive/memorandum, without penalty.

Submission of Implementation Report as provided in CAB Memorandum dated 24 March 2021 shall be likewise extended for the duration of the MECQ.

Please be guided accordingly.

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