



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

RESOLUTION NO. 165-D

Series of 2022
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WHEREAS, Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 2(c) of Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to prevent and/or minimize the local spread of emerging infectious diseases (EID) in the country through the establishment or reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with EID, contact tracing, identification of the mode of exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2021, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s.2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 12, 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) biosurveillance have detected B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), P.1 (Gamma), B.1.617 (Delta), and B.1.1.529 (Omicron) variants of SARS-CoV-2 in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, in order to minimize the cross-border transmission of SARS CoV-2, there is a need to adopt border control and quarantine measures for all passengers entering the Philippine territory by sea or by air.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that further to Section B of Resolution No. 165 dated 24 March 2022, which allows entry to foreign nationals without need of an Entry Exemption Document (EED) beginning 0001H of 01 April 2022, the IATF approves the addition of Section B (8), as follows:

“B. Upon the recommendations of the Technical Working Group, fully vaccinated foreign nationals shall be allowed entry into the Philippines, as follows: x x x

8. With the reinstatement of visa issuance and visa-free entry privileges for fully-vaccinated foreign nationals beginning 01 April 2022, the Department of Foreign Affairs is directed to promulgate such guidelines, circulars and other issuances as may be necessary to fully restore such visa issuance and visa-free




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entry privileges, including but not limited to APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) holders, AJACS/AJACSSUK visas, etc., to its pre-pandemic state (i.e. prior to IATF Resolution No. 14 dated 20 March 2020), for the guidance and information of all relevant agencies.”

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the IATF Secretariat shall re-publish IATF Resolution No. 165, dated 24 March 2022, incorporating the amendments herein made for the reference of the general public.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

APPROVED this 31 March 2022, via *ad referendum*.


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


DELFIN N. LORENZANA
Secretary, Department of National Defense
IATF Co-Chairperson
NTF Chairperson





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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an OIC-Undersecretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, (s.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. IATF Resolution No. **165-D** was unanimously approved and adopted via *ad referendum*;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana upon the authority of the IATF Members;
7. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **31st** day of March 2022, Manila.


ATTY. CHARADE F. MERCADO-GRANDE
OIC-Undersecretary of Health
Head Secretariat, IATF