SPECIAL ADVISORY
UPDATED PHL RULES REGARDING INBOUND AND OUTBOUND TRAVEL

10 July 2020 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles informs the public of the following:

Extended Restrictions on Inbound Travel for the Philippines

The Bureau of Immigration (BI) has extended travel restrictions on all inbound foreign nationals pursuant to Immigration Memorandum Circular No. JHM-2020-004 dated 07 July 2020.

Foreign nationals outside the Philippines either with immigrant, non-immigrant or special visas shall not be allowed to enter the Philippines, except for the following:

1. Accredited Foreign Government and International Organization officials and their dependents;
2. Foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals; and
3. Foreign airline crew.

The Department of Foreign Affairs’ Foreign Service Circular No. 29-2020 dated 20 March 2020 and the Inter-Agency Task force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 14 dated 22 March 2020, suspending visa issuance and visa-free privileges to all foreign nationals and cancelling Foreign Service Posts-issued visas effective 22 March 2020, are still in effect, except for the abovementioned categories.

Lifting of Restrictions For Non-Essential Outbound Travel of Filipino Nationals

On the other hand, pursuant to IATF-EID Resolution No. 52 dated 06 July 2020, travel restrictions imposed on non-essential outbound travel of Filipino nationals are lifted, subject to the following conditions:

1. Submission of confirmed roundtrip tickets for those traveling on a tourist visa;
2. Adequate travel and health insurance to cover rebooking and accommodation expenses if stranded, and hospitalization in case of infection, in such amount as may be determined by the Department of Tourism;
3. Allowed entry by the destination country in accordance with their travel, health and quarantine restrictions;
4. Execution of a Declaration acknowledging the risks involved in traveling, including risk of delay in their return trip, to be provided for in the check-in counters by the airlines; and
5. Upon return, shall follow the Guidelines of Returning Overseas Filipinos of the National Task Force (NITF).

All the foregoing is without prejudice to the exercise of the mandate of the BI prior to departure (i.e. Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003).

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The Consulate General further reminds the public to keep themselves abreast/updated of the travel restrictions imposed by the Philippine government prior to their actual departure from the U.S. to the Philippines as these regulations may change and affect your entry to the country. END.