

**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 COUNTRIES/JURISDICTIONS SUBJECT TO  
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS RELATIVE TO THE SARS-COV-2  
VARIANT FIRST DETECTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

DATE : **JAN 12 2021**

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With reference to the Joint recommendation of the Department of Health and the Department of Foreign Affairs dated 11 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), this Office hereby **directs** all relevant agencies to implement the following:

- A. Foreign passengers coming from or who have been to **Pakistan, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Oman and the People's Republic of China** within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines shall be prohibited from entering the country effective 12:01 p.m. of 13 January 2021 Manila time until 15 January 2021, without prejudice to the extension of such period upon approval of the IATF;
- 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 12:01 p.m. of 13 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 12:01 p.m. of 13 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;
- 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; and
- E. The rules on incoming unaccompanied minor Filipino passengers as provided in paragraph II of the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary, dated 05 January


2021 shall also apply to such passengers coming from or who have been to the aforesaid countries/jurisdictions, with the prohibition on entry taking effect on 12:01 p.m. of 13 January 2021 Manila time.

Existing prohibitions and procedures on entry generally applicable to arriving passengers, insofar as consistent with the foregoing, shall continue to be implemented.

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.

For strict compliance.

By authority of the President:

  
SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA

