



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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**IMMIGRATION MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. JHM-2020- 002**

**Temporary Travel Restrictions on Inbound Foreign Nationals  
During the Enhanced Community Quarantine**

*WHEREAS*, on 08 and 16 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamations No. 922 and 929 declaring *State of Public Health Emergency* and *State of Calamity* throughout the Philippines, respectively;

*WHEREAS*, on 20 March 2020, the Department of Foreign Affairs issued Foreign Service Circular No. 29-2020 and the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease issued Resolution No. 14 *suspending* visa issuance and visa-free privileges to all foreign nationals and *cancelling* Foreign Service Posts-issued visas effective 22 March 2020; *except* for accredited foreign government and international organization officials and their dependents, as well as foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals;

*WHEREFORE*, pursuant to the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) global pandemic, the Commissioner of Immigration hereby issues and promulgates the following:

**Section 1. Coverage.** - All inbound foreign nationals.

**Section 2. Temporary Travel Restrictions.** – Effective 22 March 2020, the entry of foreign nationals shall be highly restricted.

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

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

**Section 3. Exclusion.** – All Exclusion Order issued against a foreigner pursuant to this Circular shall be deemed as final and executory. The foreign passenger shall be promptly boarded on the same vessel or immediately succeeding flight.

**Section 4. Effectivity.** - This Circular shall take effect immediately, and continuously during the period of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

20 March 2020.



**JAIME H. MORENTE**

*Commissioner*