

# CORRESPONDENT'S ADVICE

## PHILIPPINES

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### Coronavirus, COVID-19

*The following information was received from our correspondent on 3 June:*

#### QUOTE

Please find attached ALON update regarding current situation in regards to COVID 19 crew repatriation.

#### UNQUOTE

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# ALON

## Ocean Wave

2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> June

***PANDIMAN PHILIPPINES Inc.***  
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Topics of interest relating to the Philippine Maritime Industry and Shipping

Current situation in regards to COVID 19  
Crew Repatriation



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**COVID 19  
UPDATE**  
Travel restrictions  
1<sup>st</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> June  
2021

The graphic features a blue background with a white molecular structure pattern. On the left, there is a white airplane flying above a white cargo ship. The text "COVID 19 UPDATE" is prominently displayed in white, followed by "Travel restrictions" and the dates "1<sup>st</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021".

## COVID 19 latest developments travel to the Philippines

Please see the latest issue from the Department Of Transport (see below);



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### NOTICE

**TO : OSS FOR SEAFARERS HEADS & SECRETARIATS**

**SUBJECT : EXTENSION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF THE SARS-COV-2 B.1.617 VARIANT**

**DATE : 01 June 2021**

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This is with reference to the memorandum of the Executive Secretary dated 31 May with subject "Extension of the Imposition of Travel Restrictions on Travelers from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Oman and the United Arab Emirates to Prevent the Entry of the SARS-COV-2 B.1.617 Variant First Detected in India".

Relative to the above, please note of the following specific guidelines on the conduct crew changes:

- A. Ships coming from or have rendered port call/s in the following countries within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, are temporarily restricted from disembarking their foreign seafarers **until 2359H of 15 June 2021**.
  1. Oman
  2. United Arab Emirates
  3. Pakistan
  4. Bangladesh
  5. Nepal
  6. Sri Lanka
  7. India
- B. Filipino and foreign seafarers with no immigration admission in the above countries within the last 14 days preceding arrival in the Philippines shall be allowed to disembark subject to existing health and safety protocols of the established One-Shop Shops (OSS) for Seafarers.
- C. Filipino seafarers coming from the foregoing countries 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 RT-PCR result.
- D. Specimen from travelers coming from the above countries that turn positive upon testing in the Philippines shall undergo Whole Genome Sequencing. All close contacts must undergo facility-based quarantine for fourteen (14) days, and contact tracing shall expand up to the third-generation contacts.

E. Embarkation to ships bound to the above shall be subject to the existing exit protocols of the Philippines as well as entry protocols of the foregoing countries.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
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cc: Office of the Secretary, This Department  
OTS, PCG, PPA, CPA and MARINA

In essence crew that have not entered the countries above, not passed through that country's immigration, only in transit (and remained air-side), can return to the Philippines but must undergo 14 days quarantine upon arrival in the Philippines at an approved facility.

For emergency cases, special consideration can be placed in writing as per the guidelines of the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF):-

[...] *Entry shall be temporarily suspended except for the following:-*

*v. Emergency, humanitarian, and other analogous cases approved by the Chairperson of the NTF COVID-19 or his duly authorized representative.*

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