



PEZA ADVISORY ON MOVEMENT OF ECOZONE WORKERS AND GOODS

Update as of 11:45pm Friday, 20 March 2020

Pursuant to the latest directive of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for LGUs to strictly follow the guidelines set forth by IATF on COVID-19 virus prevention and quarantine measures, in relation to the:

- a. Memoranda of the Office of the President dated March 16 and 18, 2020;
- b. the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Circulars dated March 18, 19 & 20, 2020; and
- c. the PNP guidelines updated as of March 20, 2020 @ 3:00 PM

The following shall guide qualified PEZA-registered BPO and export-oriented companies as among those covered enterprises that may continue operations under the quarantine period:

- Unhampered movement of ecozone cargoes and ecozone company shuttle buses/vehicles ferrying the workers within the immediate vicinity of the ecozone shall be allowed even after the March 20 deadline, unless revoked by the IATF;
- Quarantine measures such as work from home arrangement, maintaining a skeletal workforce on site, provision of housing for the workers either inside or near the zone, social distancing, and use of shuttle services shall be strictly complied with. For this purpose, all are kindly reminded to please observe the directives on physical distancing, provision of face masks and other protective equipment for employees and provision of alcohol, sanitizers and frequent sanitizing of the workplace;
- Ecozone workers on board company shuttle buses/vehicles must be ready to present at PNP-LGU checkpoints the following: a) Valid Company Identification Card; b) Proof of Residence; and c) Proof of Employment;
- PEZA certifications/vehicles stickers/placards indicating ecozone destination shall be distributed to qualified locators after due vetting by respective Zone Administrator/Manager/Officer-in-Charge of their strict compliance with the aforesaid quarantine measures; and
- Ecozone workers need not present separate IATF IDs, company-issued IDs will suffice.

In addition, please be informed that our JPCOs at NAIA, POM, and MICT will have no skeletal workforce during Saturdays and Sundays. Schedule of services is from Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., which is synchronized with that of BOC's schedule. Also, our JPCOs are accepting advance payments for our eIPS and AEDS.

As we know that this COVID-19 crisis is a bitter pill to swallow, we are sympathetic to the difficulties you are all going through, together with your employees. We are ourselves overwhelmed by the magnitude of the situation. However, as all countries that are affected realize that lives are at stake and hard decisions must be made.

Please be assured that PEZA's services will continue throughout this period and to help you in any way possible for us to do. This is the least we can do for you in this situation.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. Stay safe everyone.