PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2021-001

FOR : ECONOMIC ZONE DEVELOPERS/ENTERPRISES
      ECONOMIC ZONE ADMINISTRATORS/MANAGERS/OICs

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DATE : 04 January 2021

SUBJECT : TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PROCESSING OF TRAVEL
          BAN EXEMPTION REQUESTS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM
          COUNTRIES WITH NEW VARIANTS OF COVID-19

Pursuant to the Memorandum dated 29 December 2020 from the Department of
Foreign Affairs (DFA) – Office of the Undersecretary for Civilian Security and Consular
Affairs and the latest Bureau of Immigration Advisory dated 01 January 2021, DFA will
temporarily stop accepting and processing exemption requests of foreign nationals
coming from or applying for visa in the following countries/jurisdictions until 15 January
2021:

1. United Kingdom;
2. Denmark;
3. Ireland;
4. Japan;
5. Australia;
6. Israel;
7. The Netherlands;
8. Hong Kong SAR;
9. Switzerland;
10. France;
11. Germany;
12. Iceland;
13. Italy;
14. Lebanon;
15. Singapore;
16. Sweden;
17. South Korea;
18. South Africa;
19. Canada;
20. Spain;

Travel ban exemption requests with complete requirements received will still be
processed by our PEZA-Foreign Nationals Unit (PEZA-FNU) for endorsement to the
Department of Foreign Affairs — Office of the Consular Affairs (DFA-OCA). However,
these Endorsements will only be forwarded to DFA after the lifting of the temporary
suspension on 15 January 2021, or until further notice.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.