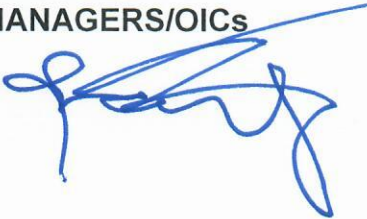





# PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2021-001

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

FROM : BGEN CHARITO B. PLAZA MNSA, PhD  
DIRECTOR GENERAL 

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:

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| 1. United Kingdom;  | 12. Iceland;                  |
| 2. Denmark;         | 13. Italy;                    |
| 3. Ireland;         | 14. Lebanon;                  |
| 4. Japan;           | 15. Singapore;                |
| 5. Australia;       | 16. Sweden;                   |
| 6. Israel;          | 17. South Korea;              |
| 7. The Netherlands; | 18. South Africa;             |
| 8. Hong Kong SAR;   | 19. Canada;                   |
| 9. Switzerland;     | 20. Spain;                    |
| 10. France;         | 21. United States of America. |
| 11. Germany;        |                               |

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.