

PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2021-021

FOR : **ECONOMIC ZONE DEVELOPERS/ENTERPRISES**

ECONOMIC ZONE ADMINISTRATORS/MANAGERS/QICS

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DATE : 23 March 2021

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PROCESSING OF PEZA

ENDORSEMENTS FOR TRAVEL BAN EXEMPTION REQUESTS

Pursuant to its latest Advisory in relation to the IATF Resolution No. 103 dated 18 March 2021 regarding the Temporary Suspension of Entry of Foreign Nationals from 22 March 2021 to 21 April 2021, the Department of Foreign Affairs – Office of the Consular Affairs (DFA-OCA) will suspend processing of entry exemption requests from 22 March 2021 until 21 April 2021.

Any endorsement sent to the DFA on or after 22 March 2021 will be disregarded by the Department, while endorsements received prior to 22 March 2021 will be processed without need of resubmission. However, approval will only be released once foreign nationals are already allowed by the government to enter the Philippines.

In view thereof, the PEZA-Foreign National Unit (PEZA-FNU) will temporarily defer accepting/processing requests for PEZA Endorsements for Travel Ban Exemptions to the DFA-OCA beginning 22 March 2021 to 21 April 2021. Thus, requests filed prior to the issuance of this Memorandum Circular shall be filed/refiled on 22 April 2021, or until further notice.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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