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Further Updates for Those Intending to Travel to the Philippines and the Inclusion of the United States among Countries Subject to Travel Restrictions

05 January 2021 — Further to the advisory issued by the Philippine Embassy on 28 December 2020 regarding the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Resolution No. 91 (s. 2020) on the additional measures to be observed relative to the SARS-CoV-2 variant detected in the United Kingdom, the public is informed of additional measures pertaining to the inclusion of the **United States** among countries subject to travel restrictions, as directed by Malacañang Palace Memorandum issued on 31 December 2020, which may be viewed here:

<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2020/12dec/20201231-Memorandum-from-the-Executive-Secretary.pdf>.

As such, the Embassy informs the public of the following:

All overseas Filipinos are reminded of the limited quarantine facilities in place and are thus strongly urged to reconsider travel plans to the Philippines for the duration of the travel restrictions, which is set to end on 15 January 2021;

Those entering the Philippines from the affected countries and jurisdiction are also reminded that they will be required to undergo and complete a strict mandatory 14-day stringent quarantine at a DOH-approved facility, regardless of negative RT-PCR result. The list of facilities suitable for stringent quarantine may be accessed at the following link:

https://bernepe.dfa.gov.ph/images/Facilities_Suitable_for_Stringent_Quarantine.pdf

For the period of the restrictions, foreign nationals who have directly come from or who have entered the concerned countries and jurisdiction, which includes **Switzerland**, within the last 14 days from date of arrival in the Philippines will temporarily be restricted from entering the Philippines. **This applies notwithstanding previous visa status, past IATF approval of exemptions and their relation to Filipino citizens.**

For transits through airports in concerned countries/jurisdiction, please be guided by more specific regulations here:

<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2020/12dec/20201231-Memorandum-from-the-Executive-Secretary.pdf>

The Embassy calls on the public to carefully reconsider their travel plans, including postponing their trips until after the end of the travel restrictions to avoid personal inconvenience and possible additional expenses as well as help prevent the incidence of the new COVID-19 variant in the country.

The Embassy reminds travelers to always check ahead of travel dates with their airlines before departure or before booking a ticket as information published could change at any time.

