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ON THE UPDATED EXEMPTIONS FROM THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF VISA ISSUANCE AND ENTRY RESTRICTIONS (AMENDED)

03 November 2020 - The Embassy wishes to inform the public that the Special Investor's Resident Visa (SIRV) has been removed from the list of the exemptions from the temporary suspension of visa issuance and entry restrictions released by the Bureau of Immigration (BI) starting 1 November 2020, pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Resolution No. 80 dated 22 October 2020.

The (amended) updated list of exemptions may be viewed from the BI Facebook post at: <https://www.facebook.com/officialbureauofimmigration/>.

The (amended) **updated exemptions** from the temporary suspension of visa issuance and current entry restrictions are as follows:

- A. Pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued Resolution No. 6 dated 30 July 2020, the following may be allowed entry into the Philippines provided that they hold valid visas or obtain them at the Philippine Embassy or Consulate/Consulate General with consular jurisdiction over the place of residence of the concerned foreign nationals:
 - Foreign spouses of Filipino nationals;
 - Foreign minor children, and foreign children with special needs regardless of age, of Filipino nationals; and
 - Foreign parents of minor Filipino children and of Filipino children with special needs regardless of age.
- B. Pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 47 dated 19 June 2020, foreign seafarers may be allowed entry into the country for purposes of crew rotation, provided that they obtain 9(c) visas at the Philippine Embassy or Consulate/Consulate General.
- C. Pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 56 dated 16 July 2020, foreign nationals who are holders of the following valid visas may be allowed entry into the country:
 - 13 series of the Immigration Act (Commonwealth Act [CA] 613), as amended, which likewise includes:
 - Temporary Resident Visa (based on CA 613, Section 13a [marriage to Filipino])

- Temporary Resident Visa (based on MO ADD-01-038/ ADD-02-015 [Indian nationals]) - MCL-07-021 Permanent Resident Visa (based on CA 613, Section 13a [Chinese nationals])
- Native Born Visa (based on CA 613, Section 13c [for foreigners born in the Philippines with at least 1 Permanent Resident parent]);
- Republic Act 7919 visas (granted through Social Integration Program); and
- Executive Order 324 visas

D. Pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 80 dated 22 October 2020, starting 01 November 2020, foreign nationals who are holders of the following valid visas may be allowed entry into the country:

- Special visas under Executive Order 226; and
- Visas issued by Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority (APECO), and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA).

The abovementioned foreign nationals may be allowed entry into the country without the need of an entry exemption from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), ***provided that they have valid and subsisting visas.***

For those not expressly included in the above enumeration, they should secure an entry exemption from the DFA, which will issue the necessary instructions to the Philippine Embassy or Consulate/Consulate General for the issuance of the appropriate visa.

For more information on the matter, foreign nationals who do not fall under the abovementioned exemptions can contact the BI at the following contact details:

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Please be guided, accordingly.

The Philippine Embassy