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ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF VISA-FREE PRIVILEGES PURSUANT TO IATF-EID RESOLUTION NO. 85 DATED 26 NOVEMBER 2020

03 December 2020 - The Embassy wishes to inform the public that, pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Resolution No. 85 dated 26 November 2020, and with reference to Republic Act No. 6788 / An Act Instituting a *Balikbayan* Program, as amended, the following additional ***foreign nationals have been allowed entry into the Philippines effective 07 December 2020:***

- Filipino citizens' foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, who are travelling with them; and
- Former Filipino citizens, together with their foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, who are travelling with them

For more information on this, please refer to the Press Release of the Bureau of Immigration (BI) dated 28 November 2020 and 01 December 2020 which can be viewed at:

https://www.immigration.gov.ph/images/News/2020_Yr/11_Nov/2020Nov28_Press.pdf and https://www.immigration.gov.ph/images/News/2020_Yr/12_Dec/2020Dec01_Press.pdf, respectively.

The said Press Releases have also been uploaded on the Facebook Page of the BI: <https://www.facebook.com/officialbureauofimmigration/>.

The following are additional conditions for the entry of the abovementioned foreign nationals:

- *They must have a pre-booked quarantine facility* – for the list of facilities suitable for quarantine, please view the Department of Health – Bureau of Quarantine weblink: <http://quarantine.doh.gov.ph/category/news-and-events/>
- They must have a pre-booked COVID-19 testing at a laboratory operating at the airport; and
- They are subject to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers at the port of entry and during the date of entry

The concerned public is advised that the BI will issue the Implementing Guidelines on the abovementioned latest exemption in due time, and are invited to regularly check the BI website (<https://www.immigration.gov.ph>) or BI Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/officialbureauofimmigration/>) for updates.

The Embassy will also endeavor to upload the BI Implementing Guidelines on the Embassy's website and official Facebook account once available.

Please be guided, accordingly.