



**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE**  
**FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 152-A**

Series of 2021

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**WHEREAS**, Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 (b) of Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to prevent and/or minimize the entry of suspected or confirmed patients with emerging infectious diseases into the country;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 10 September 2021, the IATF was authorized to approve any modifications to the list of Red Countries, subject to the favorable recommendations of the Department of Health and Department of Foreign Affairs;

**WHEREAS**, a new COVID-19 variant, denominated as B.1.1.529 and designated as a Variant of Concern, was first detected in Botswana and has since been detected in South Africa;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that upon the recommendations of the Task Force on COVID-19 Variants, effective 0001H of 10 December 2021, France shall be escalated to the Red List of countries/territories/jurisdictions until 15 December 2021. The following protocols shall be implemented:

- A. Passengers who have been to France within fourteen (14) days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, who arrive on or after 0001H of 10 December 2021 but before 0001H of 13 December 2021, shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine for fourteen (14) days with Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test on the seventh (7th) day, with day one (1) being the date of arrival. The full duration of such quarantine shall be completed notwithstanding a negative RT-PCR result.
- B. From 0001H of 13 December 2021 until end of 15 December 2021, entry in any port of the Philippines shall not be allowed for passengers coming from or who have been to France within the last fourteen (14) days prior to arrival in the



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- Philippines, regardless of vaccination status. Only Filipinos returning to the country via government-initiated repatriation, non-government-initiated repatriation, and Bayanihan Flights may be allowed entry, subject to existing testing and quarantine protocols for Red List countries/territories/jurisdictions. As in all international inbound travels, the testing and quarantine protocols for minors shall follow the testing and quarantine protocols of the parent/guardian traveling with them, regardless of the minor's vaccination status. This notwithstanding, children three (3) years old and below, regardless of country of origin, shall be exempt from the requirement of presenting a negative RT-PCR test result before boarding the flight, unless symptomatic.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, passengers who arrived prior to 10 December 2021 and are currently undergoing quarantine shall complete the testing and quarantine protocols in effect at the time of their arrival.
  - D. All passengers, whether Filipinos or foreigners, merely transiting through France shall not be deemed as having come from or having been to said country if they stayed in the airport the whole time and were not cleared for entry into such country by its immigration authorities.
  - E. Upon arrival in the Philippines, passengers covered by this paragraph shall comply with the applicable testing and quarantine protocols for passengers who have not been to any Red List country/territory/jurisdiction.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

**APPROVED** this 7th December 2021, via *ad referendum*.

  
**FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III**  
Secretary, Department of Health  
IATF Chairperson

  
**KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES**  
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat  
IATF Co-Chairperson



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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Undersecretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, (s.2014) and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
1. IATF Resolution No. **152-A** was unanimously approved and adopted via *ad referendum*;
5. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and/or Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the authority of the IATF Members;
6. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
7. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **7th** day of December 2021, Manila.

  
**ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE**  
*Undersecretary of Health*  
*Head Secretariat, IATF*