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Philippine Aviation in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Philippine Aviation in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic

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Implementation of Travel Ban



- February 2, 2020
 - Ban entry of any person directly coming from China and SARs, except Filipinos and holders of Permanent Resident Visas;
 - Ban entry of any person who, within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, has been to China or its SARs, except Filipinos and holders of PRVs;
 - Ban on Filipinos from travel to China or its SARs;
 - Mandatory 14-day quarantine to every arriving Filipinos and PRV holders from China and its SARs;
 - Exemptions (Feb 19, 2020):
 - Holders of 9(e) Diplomat Visas, their spouse and children, with 14-day quarantine.
 - Permanent residents of Hong Kong and Macau, Filipinos leaving the country to study in Hong Kong and Macau;
 - OFWs to Hong Kong and Macau with Declaration of knowledge and understanding of the risks involved.

Implementation of Travel Ban



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- South Korea (February 28, 2020)
 - Travel from Philippines to South Korea;
 - Travel from North Gyeongsang Province, South Korea, to the Philippines;
 - Usual exemptions/exceptions
- Flights from Philippine points to Manila (March 13, 2020)

Suspension of Visa Issuance (March 23, 2020)



- Visa issuance to all foreign nationals
- Visa-free privileges based on Visa Waiver Agreements, holders of Hong Kong and Macau SAR passports, Macau-Portuguese passports, and British National Overseas passports
- Foreign nationals with visas previously issued by Foreign Service posts

*Exceptions:

- Foreign spouses and children of Filipinos
- Accredited Foreign Government and International Organization officials and their dependents
- Foreign airline crew members

Health and safety of arriving passengers



- All air carriers are required to inform every passenger travelling to the Philippines of the required procedures and costs: (May 11, 2020)
 - To undergo COVID-19 RT-PCR test
 - Mandatory quarantine
 - Completion of Case Investigation Form prior to arrival in Philippine airports
- Mandatory submission of General Declaration and Health Forms (BOQ, CAAP), including flight deck and cabin crew (MC 06-2020, CAAP)
- Accomplishment of General Declaration Form signed by Pilot-In-Command in case a person becomes unwell on board (MC 06-2020, CAAP)

Preventing the spread of COVID-19 (aircraft)



- All cabin crew practice routine handwashing, treat all body fluids as infectious, wear recommended PPE, disinfect areas with high risk of contamination, dispose waste using recommended procedures;
- Use of high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter;
- Removed shared reading materials;
- Passengers must wear face masks at all times and practice routine handwashing;
- Physical distancing when occupancy allows.

Financial or Economic Measures



- Exemption of Flight Crew from Quarantine Protocol
- Freeze in the imposition of filing fees
- Reopening of Philippine airports outside Manila (for domestic ESSENTIAL travel)
- Deferment of Payment of Take-off, Landing and Parking Fees of Philippine Commercial Air Carriers for One Year (MC 09-2020, CAAP)
- Extension of validity of CAAP-issued airmen licenses and certificate (MC 10-2020, CAAP)
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- Lease/rental holiday for airport concessionaires for the period of March 15-May 31, 2020 and one month deferment of payment for June 1-30 billing

Impact of Covid-19 in 2020

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- First Semester (Domestic)
 - Passenger

S1 2019	15,160,199
S1 2020	5,923,863

- Cargo

S1 2019	151,248,757
S1 2020	72,333,754

*13 local airlines (passenger-cargo combination)

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Philippine Aviation



- First Quarter (International)
 - Passenger Traffic

Q1 2019	3,996,369
Q1 2020	1,306,176

- Impact on oversight activities:
Interim Guidelines on the Rules of Procedure Governing Hearings Before the Civil Aeronautics Board (all applications were processed accordingly)

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SUMMARY OF JOB CUTS – PHILIPPINE CARRIERS

AIRLINE	TOTAL #	REMARKS
Philippine Airlines	300	ground-based administrative and management personnel
Cebu Pacific	150	reduction of newly hired crew members in March
	1,400	Employed with <u>1Aviation Groundhandling Services Corp.</u>
	200	retired tenured workers in June
	800	Estimate starting August 2020
Philippines <u>AirAsia</u>	260	Ranges from admin personnel to cabin crew
	2,200 (12%)	Estimate starting July 2020

(source: hrmasia.com, Inquirer.net and AUPhilippines)

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Air Carriers Association of the Philippines vice president and executive director Robert Lim said the estimated second-quarter net losses of Philippine Airlines, Cebu Pacific and Air Asia Philippines likely reached P22 billion following a 94-percent drop in passenger traffic.

<https://www.manilastandard.net/index.php/mobile/article/329639#.Xx18V7a_48c.facebook>

IATF Resolution No. 52 (July 2020)



All travel restrictions relative to outbound travel of Filipinos are lifted.

Requirements:

- Submission of confirmed round-trip tickets for those traveling on tourist visas;
- Submission of travel and health insurance to cover rebooking and accommodation expenses in case they cannot return due to future travel restrictions and hospitalization in case of infection;
- Submission of proof that they are allowed entry by the country of destination in accordance with their travel, health, and quarantine restrictions;
- Submission of a declaration executed acknowledging the risks involved in traveling, including the risk of delay in their return trip.

Upon their return, they must follow the guidelines of returning overseas Filipinos of the National Task Force (NTF).

COVID-19 Case Summary



As of July 29, 2020

<https://www.doh.gov.ph/2019-nCoV>

Active Cases	56,528
Recovered	26,996
Death	1,962
Total	85,486

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