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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 03 08 2020 – Virtual

Presented by Philippines

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;

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- 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 14day 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

- South Korea (February 28, 2020)
 - Travel from Philippines to South Korea;
 - Travel from North Gyeongsang Province, South Korea, to the Philippines;

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- Usual exemptions/exceptions
- Flights from Philippine points to Manila (March 13, 2020)

Suspension of Visa Issuance (March 23, 2020)



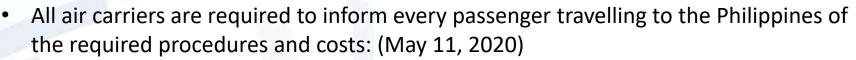
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- Visa issuance to all foreign nationals
- Visa-free privileges based on Visa Waiver Agreements, holders of Hong Kong and Macau SAR passports, Macau-Portuguese passports, and British National Overseas passports
- Foreign nationals with visas previously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

*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

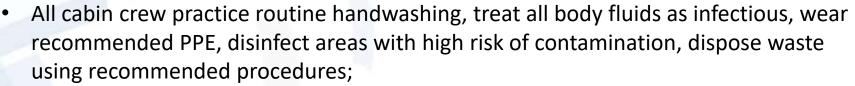


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- To undergo COVID-19 RT-PCR test
- Mandatory quarantine
- Completion of Case Investigation Form prior to arrival in Philippine airports
- Mandatory submission of General Declaration and Health Forms (BOQ, CAAP), including flight deck and cabin crew (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)



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- 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



- Freeze in the imposition of filing fees
- Reopening of Philippine airports outside Manila (for domestic ESSENTIAL travel)

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- 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

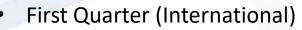


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- First Semester (Domestic)
 - Passenger

| | S1 2019 | 15,160,199 |
|-------|---------|-------------|
| | S1 2020 | 5,923,863 |
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| Cargo | | |
| Cargo | S1 2019 | 151,248,757 |

*13 local airlines (passenger-cargo combination)



Passenger Traffic

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

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 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 1Aviation Groundhandling Services Corp. |
| | 200 | retired tenured workers in June |
| | 800 | Estimate starting August 2020 |
| Philippines <mark>AirAsia</mark> | 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.

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

IATF Resolution No. 52 (July 2020)



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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



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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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