



# PUBLIC ADVISORY NO. 13- 2020

## MANDATORY 14-DAY QUARANTINE OF ALL RETURNING OFWS

19 April 2020- The Philippine Embassy wishes to inform Filipinos in Switzerland and Liechtenstein that, pursuant to the Philippine Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolution No. 23 dated 13 April 2020, ***all Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) returning to the Philippines are required to undergo a 14-day facility quarantine upon arrival in the Philippines.***

***The mandatory quarantine period covers all returning OFWs whether they are sea-based or land-based.***

All arrangements regarding the 14-day facility quarantine will be facilitated and implemented by the Sub-Task Group (STG) for the Repatriation of OFWs under the National Task Force (NTF) – Task Group on Response operations, which are composed of the following agencies:

- Department of Transportation (Chair)
- Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (Co-Chair)
- Department of Foreign Affairs
- Department of Labor and Employment
- Department of Health
- Department of Interior and Local Government
- Philippine National Police
- Department of Tourism
- Philippine Coast Guard
- Bureau of Quarantine; and
- Other agencies as may be determined by the NTF

*In the case of foreign crew on board foreign cruise ships repatriating OFWs*, pursuant to the Philippine Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolution No. 24 dated 15 April 2020:

- All foreign cruise ships carrying Filipino crew shall be allowed to dock in ports in Manila and to be used as quarantine facility for the said Filipino crew members, subject to the guidelines to be issued by the members of the Sub-Task Group for the Repatriation of Overseas Filipino Workers pursuant to their respective mandates; and
- Foreign crew on board the aforementioned foreign ships shall be allowed to disembark in Manila for the sole purpose of taking outbound flights to their final destination abroad, provided such foreign crews have also completed the 14-day mandatory quarantine disembarkation.

Please be guided accordingly.

Thank you.