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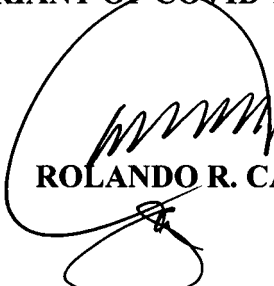
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FROM : The Director
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SUBJECT : **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PROCESSING OF EXEMPTION REQUESTS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM COUNTRIES WITH NEW VARIANT OF COVID-19**

DATE : 13 January 2021

We are providing, for your information and guidance, a copy of the letter dated December 29, 2020 from Undersecretary Brigido J. Dulay, Undersecretary for Civilian Security and Consular Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, entitled “**TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PROCESSING OF EXEMPTION REQUESTS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM COUNTRIES WITH NEW VARIANT OF COVID-19**”.


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[URGENT]: Temporary Suspension of Processing of Exemption Requests of Foreign Nationals from Countries with New Variant of COVID-19

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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

This Office respectfully transmits its Letter dated 29 December 2020 on the above subject.

Thank you and kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Sincerely yours,

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29 December 2020

Subject: Temporary Suspension of Processing of Exemption Requests of Foreign Nationals from Countries with New Variant of COVID-19

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

In compliance with the Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Secretary of even date, effective immediately until 15 January 2021, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) will temporarily stop accepting and processing exemption requests of foreign nationals coming from or applying for visa in the following countries/jurisdictions:

1. United Kingdom;
2. Denmark;
3. Ireland;
4. Japan;
5. Australia;
6. Israel;
7. The Netherlands;
8. Hong Kong SAR;
9. Switzerland;
10. France;
11. Germany;
12. Iceland;
13. Italy;
14. Lebanon;
15. Singapore;
16. Sweden;
17. South Korea;
18. South Africa;
19. Canada; and
20. Spain.

However, endorsed exemption requests with complete requirements received today, 29 December 2020, or earlier, may still be processed, but the concerned foreign nationals requiring visas may only be issued the same after 15 January 2021.

Additionally, the DFA notes that since no exemptions have been provided in the foregoing Memorandum, all previously issued exemptions from the temporary suspension of visa issuance as well as the mandatory airport testing and facility-quarantine protocols for foreign nationals coming from, transiting through or have travelled to the countries/jurisdictions listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 above in the last 14 days, are deemed suspended/invalidated effective 0001H of 30 December 2020 until 15 January 2021.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

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