



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**NOTICE**

**TO :** ALL OSS FOR SEAFARERS HEADS & SECRETARIATS

**SUBJECT :** EXEMPTION OF TRANSITING FOREIGN SEAFARERS WITH VALID 9(C) VISA DURING THE TRAVEL SUSPENSION IMPOSED BY IATF RESOLUTION NO. 104 AND NTF COVID-19 MC NO. 6, S. 2021

**DATE :** 28 MARCH 2021

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This is with reference to Memorandum Order No. 2, S. 2021 of the National Task Force Against COVID-19 (NTF COVID-19) dated 28 March 2021 with subject: "Exemption of Seafarer Foreign Nationals (Visa Holders) During the Travel Suspension Imposed by IATF Resolution 104 and NTF COVID-19 MC 6, S. 2021".

Relative to the foregoing, all One-Stop Shops for Seafarers are informed that transiting foreign seafarers with valid 9(c) crew list visa are allowed to enter the country via authorized seaports (crew change hubs) AND airports for crew change purposes. **However, their travel is limited from the airport to their designated ships, and vice versa, ONLY.** The duration and requirements for transit of these seafarers are provided under Joint Circular No. 1-A, Series of 2020, dated 30 September 2020.

The copies of NTF Memorandum Order No. 2 and Joint Circular No. 1-A are also attached for reference.

Please be guided accordingly.

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