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## EMBASSY ADVISORY

### **The Philippines Bans Entry of Travelers from Countries, including Singapore, with Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 B117 Strain**

The Philippine Embassy in Singapore advises the public that the Philippine government, through the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), has restricted the entry of all travelers from countries, including Singapore, which reported cases of individuals infected with the B117 strain of SARS-CoV-2, with effect from **0001H 30 December 2020 (Wednesday) until 15 January 2021**.

**Exempted from the travel ban are the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs).**

Attached, for reference, is the Manila International Airport Authority advisory on the matter.

Travelers from countries with confirmed cases of Covid-19 B117 strain, including Singapore, who arrive in the Philippines **before** 30 December 2020 will be allowed entry but they shall be subjected to stricter 14-day quarantine and testing protocols even if their COVID-19 tests upon arrival turn out negative.

The Embassy will immediately convey to the Filipino community in Singapore any additional information it receives from the Philippine authorities regarding this policy.

Thank you.

The Philippine Embassy, Singapore  
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