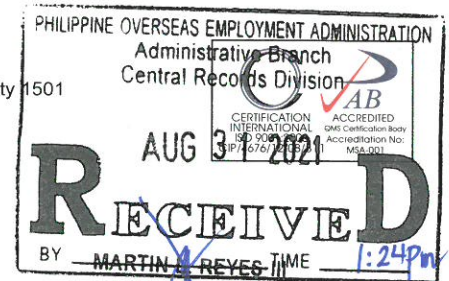




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Lifting of the Temporary Suspension on the Deployment of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) to the Sultanate of Oman

The Administration hereby informs the public that the Sultanate of Oman, through a statement made by the Supreme Committee for dealing with COVID - 19 on 19 August 2021, had terminated the effect of the list countries whose arrivals are prohibited from entering its borders. The lifting of the temporary suspension is also provided in Circular Number 19/2021 issued by the Oman Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) on 23 August 2021 and will take effect at 12:00 P. M. (Oman local time) on Wednesday, 01 September 2021.

The termination of the list now allows travelers from the Philippines, including Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), to enter Oman in order to commence their respective employments. The statement also requires strict compliance with health and safety protocols being implemented such as the submission of a vaccine certificate, negative pre-travel COVID RT-PCR test results, and mandatory quarantine, among others.

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Muscat, Oman in its memorandum dated 23 August 2021 recommended the lifting of the temporary suspension of the deployment of all OFWs to the Sultanate of Oman which was earlier imposed through POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 05, Series of 2021.

The Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has also written on 26 August 2021, Secretary Francisco Duque of the Department of Health (DOH) as Chairperson of Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, recommending the lifting of the travel ban imposed on the Sultanate of Oman effective 01 September 2021.

With the above mentioned developments and in accordance to the subject Governing Board Resolution which states that the suspension will be only in effect until such time the Oman allows entry of OFWs and Filipino travelers, the Administration

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hereby lifts the temporary suspension of the deployment of all OFWs to Oman effective 01 September 2021.



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Administrator

Sources : *Memorandum from POLO – Oman*
Letter of Dr. Amable Aguiluz V, President's Special Envoy to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
Letter of the Sultanate of Oman Ambassador to Dr. Amable Aguiluz V
Letter of DOLE Secretary to IATF/DOH

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The Honorable
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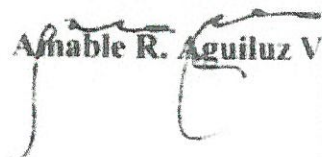
Dear Secretary Bello,

Reference to the Minutes of the Meeting signed between the Labor Secretary and the Ambassador of Oman to the Philippines last 21 June 2021 with the agreement to lift the Oman deployment ban on travelers emanating from or transiting through the Philippines and likewise Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) resolution in imposing temporary ban on the Deployment of Filipino workers to Oman, the Office of the Special Envoy gladly would like to inform the good Secretary that effective 01 September 2021, 12:00 (Oman local time) that travel restrictions or prohibitions imposed to the list of countries which includes the Republic of the Philippine will be lifted as issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of the Sultanate of Oman with Circular number (19/2021) dated 13 August 2021.

Attached is the copy of the letter we received from His Excellency Ambassador Munther Mahfoodh Al Mantheri of the Sultanate of Oman and the copy of the said circular from CAA.

Hoping that on the Philippine side we will simultaneously be able to lift the deployment ban of Filipino workers and travelers into the Sultanate of Oman.

Sincerely yours,


Amable R. Aguiluz V

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Embassy of
The Sultanate of Oman
Manila
Ambassador's Office



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August 24, 2021

His Excellency AMABLE AGUILUZ V

Special Envoy of the Philippine President

Your Excellency,

I am pleased to enclose hereinto, a copy of the Circular number (19/2021) dated August 23, 2021, issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of the Sultanate of Oman, the circular is directing the lifting of travel restrictions imposed on the list of countries from which arrivals are prohibited from entering the territory of the Sultanate.

The decision is effective starting at 12:00pm (Oman local time) on Wednesday, 01st of September 2021.

I would like to avail myself of the opportunity to renew to you the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Munther Mahfoodh Al Mantheri".

Munther Mahfoodh Al Mantheri



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تعميم رقم (٢٠٢١/١٩) كوفيد-١٩
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Date: 23 August 2021

التاريخ: ٢٣ أغسطس ٢٠٢١ م

To: All travelers arriving into the Sultanate
And airlines operating in the Sultanate

إلى: جميع المسافرين القادمين إلى السلطنة
وشركات الطيران العاملة في السلطنة

Based on the statement made by the Supreme Committee for dealing with (COVID-19) issued on 19th August 2021, and in coordination with the Medical Response and Public Health Sectors, and the Royal Oman Police, the Civil Aviation Authority would like to inform the travelers arriving into the Sultanate and all airlines operating into the Sultanate that the following has been decided:

بناءً على البيان الصادر عن اللجنة العليا المكلفة ببحث آلية التعامل مع التطورات الناتجة عن انتشار فيروس كورونا (كوفيد-١٩) بتاريخ ١٩ أغسطس ٢٠٢١ م، وبعد التنسيق مع قطاع الاستجابة الطبية والصحة العامة وشرطة عمان السلطانية، تود هيئة الطيران المدني إحاطة المسافرين القادمين إلى السلطنة وكافة شركات الطيران العاملة بالسلطنة بأنه تقرر ما يلي:-

1. The list of countries from which arrivals are prohibited from entering the territory of the Sultanate has been terminated.
2. All Omani citizens, residents of Oman, visa holders of Oman, those who do not require a visa to travel to Oman, and those who can obtain a visa upon arrival are allowed to enter the Sultanate in accordance with the pre-COVID system.
3. All passengers arriving to the Sultanate are required to present a COVID-19 vaccine certificate containing a QR Code stating that they have received two doses of a vaccine approved in Oman, or in cases where a single dose is approved by the Health Authorities of the Sultanate, have received one dose of such vaccine. The last dose is required to have been received not less than fourteen (14) days ahead of estimated arrival time. The

1. إنهاء العمل بقائمة الدول التي يحظر على القادمين منها دخول أراضي السلطنة.
2. يسمح بدخول السلطنة لجميع المواطنين العمانيين، والمقيمين بالسلطنة، وحاملي تأشيرات دخول السلطنة وجميع من لا يتطلب سفره إلى السلطنة الحصول على تأشيرة دخول إلى السلطنة، وكذلك من يمكنه استخراج التأشيرة عند الوصول حسب النظام المعمول به سابقاً.
3. يلتزم جميع القادمين إلى السلطنة قبل صعود الطائرة بإبراز شهادة تحصين متضمنة رمز التحقق (QR Code) تفيد بتلقي جرعتين من أحد اللقاحات المضادة لكوفيد-١٩ المعتمدة في السلطنة، أو جرعة واحدة من اللقاح الذي اعتمدت الجهات الصحية بالسلطنة قبول جرعة واحدة منه، على أن يكون قد مضى على تلقي آخر جرعة من اللقاح أربعة عشر (١٤) يوماً قبل أنوعد المجدول للوصول إلى السلطنة.

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Ministry of Health publishes and updates the list of vaccines approved in Oman.

وتقوم وزارة الصحة بنشر وتحديث قائمة اللقاحات المعتمدة في السلطنة.

4. All passengers arriving to the Sultanate that present a pre-travel negative result COVID-19 PCR test are exempted from quarantine. The COVID-19 PCR test shall indicate the medical test result which can be validated and certified with a QR Code and the test shall be conducted within ninety-six (96) hours prior to the scheduled time of arrival in the Sultanate for the international flights of more than eight (8) hours duration, including transit, and seventy-two (72) hours for shorter flights.

4 يعفى من الحجر الصحي جميع القادمين إلى السلطنة الذين يبرزون شهادة فحص البلمرة (PCR) لكوفيد-١٩ متضمنة رمز التحقق (QR Code) بنتيجة سلبية تثبت خلو المسافر من المرض صادرة من أحد المختبرات الطبية المعتمدة على أن لا تتجاوز الفترة بين إجراء الفحص والوقت المجدول للوصول إلى السلطنة ستة وتسعون (٩٦) ساعة للرحلات التي تزيد مدتها على ثمان (٨) ساعات شاملة التوقف في مطارات أخرى. واثان وسبعون (٧٢) ساعة للرحلات التي تقل مدتها عن ثمان (٨) ساعات.

5. All passengers arriving to the Sultanate without holding a negative COVID-19 PCR test in accordance with paragraph number (4) of this circular are subject to a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival where after the traveler shall be required to enter mandatory quarantine with electronic tracking bracelet until a negative PCR test results is received. However, in cases of a positive PCR test result, the passenger shall be required to undergo mandatory health isolation for ten (10) days starting from the test date. Except that passengers who have recovered from COVID-19 but tested positive on arrival are exempted from health isolation providing they are able to submit proof that they have completed the prescribed isolation period in the country where they were infected before traveling to the Sultanate.

5 يخضع جميع القادمين إلى السلطنة الذين لا يحملون شهادة الفحص المسبق وفقاً لما ورد في البند رقم (٤) من هذا التعميم لفحص البلمرة (PCR) لكوفيد-١٩ عند وصولهم إلى مطارات السلطنة وللحجر الصحي الإلكتروني ولبس سوار التتبع الإلكتروني لحين ظهور نتيجة سلبية للفحص. وفي حالة ظهور نتيجة الفحص إيجابية يخضع المسافر للعزل الصحي الإلزامي لمدة عشرة (١٠) أيام من موعد الفحص ويستثنى المسافر الذي تظهر نتيجة فحصه إيجابية من العزل الصحي إذا قدم ما يثبت تعافيه من المرض وإكمال مدة العزل الصحي المقررة في الدولة التي أصيب فيها قبل قدومه إلى السلطنة.

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6. Before boarding the aircraft, all passengers arriving to the Sultanate, including diplomats, are required to complete pre-registration via (Tarassud+) Platform and to upload the vaccine certificate as well as the COVID-19 PCR certificate, both containing QR Codes. If the passenger prefers to conduct the COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival, the passenger shall pay the prescribed fees when registering via (Tarassud+) platform before boarding the aircraft.
6. على جميع القادمين إلى السلطنة -بما في ذلك الدبلوماسيين- قبل صعود الطائرة التسجيل في منصة (ترصد+) وتحميل شهادة تلقي اللقاح وكذلك شهادة فحص اليلمرة (PCR) لكوفيد-١٩ على أن تشمل الشهادتين على رمز التحقق (QR Code). وفي حالة اختيار المسافر إجراء الفحص بعد الوصول يلزم بدفع الرسوم المقررة للفحص الذي سيخضع له عند الوصول وذلك عند التسجيل عبر منصة (ترصد+) قبل صعود الطائرة.
7. Arriving passengers aged 18 and below are exempted from the requirements of the vaccine and COVID-19 PCR test. Patients with diseases that prevent them from receiving the vaccine according to an approved medical certificate are also exempted from presenting vaccine certificates.
7. يعفى القادمون إلى السلطنة من عمر ١٨ سنة فأدنى من شرط تلقي اللقاح وشرط فحص اليلمرة (PCR). كما يعفى من شرط تلقي اللقاح المسافرون المرضى الذين لديهم أمراضاً تحول دون تلقيهم اللقاح بموجب شهادة طبية معتمدة.
8. This decision is effective starting at 12:00pm (Oman local time) on Wednesday, 01st September 2021, except that Omani citizens and their families who departed the Sultanate before the issuance of this circular are exempted from the vaccine requirement for a maximum of two (2) months from the issuance of this circular.
8. يسري هذا التعميم ابتداءً من الساعة ١٢:٠٠ ظهراً بتوقيت السلطنة يوم الأربعاء الموافق ١ سبتمبر ٢٠٢١ م، ويستثنى من شرط تلقي اللقاح العمانيين وعائلاتهم الذين غادروا السلطنة قبل إصدار هذا التعميم ولمدة أقصاها شهرين من تاريخ إصداره.

Thank you for your cooperation.

شاكرين لكم تعاونكم.



هيئة الطيران المدني
Civil Aviation Authority

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