



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
BUREAU OF QUARANTINE
25th & AC Delgado St.,
Port Area, Manila



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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**FOR : Port Operators, Other Port Authorities, Shipping Agencies, Ship
Handlers, and Concerned Manning Agencies**

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES AT ALL SEAPORTS FOR PREVENTION AND SPREAD OF
2019-NCOV**

DATE : 31 January 2020

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the 2019-nCoV as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) as of January 30, 2020. All airports and seaports of the Philippines are on heightened alert for the entry and spread of the novel coronavirus in our country.

The Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) will be implementing the following guidelines at all seaports for all arriving maritime vessels:

1. All vessels from or had port calls in China in the past two (2) weeks must be boarded at designated Quarantine Anchorage. Direct-berthing privileges for these vessels are temporarily suspended.
2. Vessels cleared at first port of entry but calling another local port within two-week period from China are required to submit another Maritime Declaration of Health to the Quarantine Medical Officer upon entry to the next local ports.
3. Disembarkation of crew in Philippine ports will be allowed if attested through a list to be submitted by ship master that they did not disembarked in the past two weeks at any port in China.
4. Garbage disposal of food products, especially from animal products, are not allowed in Philippine ports.



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5. All Cruise Ships with passengers from Hubei, China and areas declared affected by Chinese authority are not allowed to dock at any Philippine port.
6. All Cruise Ships allowed to dock must declare all travel itineraries/excursions in the Philippines.

For strict compliance.

This issuance may be changed depending on the evolving public health conditions.


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