



OFFICE OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS

20 Jun 2015

The Most Reverend
JOSE S. PALMA, D.D.
Archbishop of Cebu
Cebu City

Dear Archbishop Palma:

This refers to your letter of May 29, 2015 coursed through the DFA Regional Consular Office in Cebu, detailing the concerns raised in the April 2015 meeting in Cebu City by National Delegates to the upcoming 51st International Eucharistic Congress come January 2016.

Allow us to share the following information:

1. Executive Order No. 408 allows no-visa entry for countries whose nationals may enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding thirty (30) days. Attached is Annex 1 list of countries covered under E.O. 408.
2. Foreign travelers may enter the Philippines in any international entry/exit point served by their airline of choice. There is no requirement for citizens of India to arrive in the Philippines only through Manila before taking a domestic flight to Cebu. Nationals from India however, are visa-required, and as such they should apply for an appropriate entry visa from their country of origin or place of legal residence prior to arriving in the country.

Citizens of India with valid U.S., Japan, Australia, Canada, Schengen, Singapore or UK visas however, may avail of the 14-day visa-free entry privilege as temporary visitors, extendable to a maximum of twenty-one (21) days upon approval by the Bureau of Immigration.

3. Taiwan nationals can avail of the recently launched Electronic Travel Authorization system to secure a temporary visitor's visa for entry to the Philippines. This facility was launched on 01 July 2015 by the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO), and can be accessed at <http://www.meco.org.tw/>.

4. The Philippines requires entry visas for certain nationals pursuant to existing government policy and reciprocity. Delegates from countries not covered by EO 408 should be advised to apply for their visas well in advance of their intended travel dates to allow sufficient time for the processing of their documents. Requirements for temporary visitors are posted in the websites of Philippine embassies and consular offices abroad, for the public's information and guidance.
5. Like other states, the Philippines does not have consulates and embassies in all countries abroad. However, consular offices and diplomatic missions abroad have multiple areas of jurisdiction covering several states, and thus, while the office may not be physically established in a particular country, visa applications may still be accepted (by mail, for instance) by our consular officials from foreigners applying within their areas of jurisdiction.

Information on visa applications for our embassies and consulates abroad can be obtained from their respective websites, a list of which is posted at <http://dfa.gov.ph/about-us/ph/embassies-and-consulates> .

The Visa Division of the Office of Consular Affairs may be reached during office hours from 8AM-5PM, Monday-Friday at telefax +63-2-836-7763 and by email at visadiv@gmail.com.

For your reference and information, attached is Annex 2 containing list of our foreign service posts and their respective countries of jurisdiction.

May we also kindly suggest that the Bureau of Immigration be advised of the upcoming 51st IEC for them to make the necessary preparations accordingly.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:


FRANK R. CIMAFRANCA
Assistant Secretary

NO-VISA ENTRY FOR 30-DAY STAY UNDER E.O. 408

Countries whose nationals may enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding thirty (30) days under E.O. 408, provided these foreign nationals are holders of a passport valid at least six (6) months, beyond the period of stay in the Philippines and return or outward bound tickets to country of origin or next country of destination.

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| 1. Andorra | 55. Grenada | 109. Papua New Guinea |
| 2. Angola | 56. Guatemala | 110. Paraguay |
| 3. Antigua and Barbuda | 57. Guinea | 111. Peru |
| 4. Argentina | 58. Guinea Bissau | 112. Poland |
| 5. Australia | 59. Guyana | 113. Portugal |
| 6. Austria | 60. Haiti | 114. Qatar |
| 7. Bahamas | 61. Honduras | 115. Romania |
| 8. Bahrain | 62. Hungary | 116. Rwanda |
| 9. Barbados | 63. Iceland | 117. Russia |
| 10. Belgium | 64. Indonesia | 118. Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| 11. Belize | 65. Ireland | 119. Saint Lucia |
| 12. Benin | 66. Israel* | 120. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| 13. Bhutan | 67. Italy | 121. Samoa |
| 14. Bolivia | 68. Jamaica | 122. San Marino |
| 15. Botswana | 69. Japan | 123. Sao Tome and Principe |
| 16. Brazil* | 70. Kazakhstan | 124. Saudi Arabia |
| 17. Brunei | 71. Kenya | 125. Senegal |
| 18. Bulgaria | 72. Kiribati | 126. Seychelles |
| 19. Burkina Faso | 73. Korea (ROK) | 127. Singapore |
| 20. Burundi | 74. Kuwait | 128. Slovak Republic |
| 21. Cambodia | 75. Kyrgyzstan | 129. Slovenia |
| 22. Cameroon | 76. Laos | 130. Solomon Islands |
| 23. Canada | 77. Latvia | 131. South Africa |
| 24. Cape Verde | 78. Lesotho | 132. Spain |
| 25. Central African Republic | 79. Liberia | 133. Suriname |
| 26. Chad | 80. Liechtenstein | 134. Swaziland |
| 27. Chile | 81. Lithuania | 135. Sweden |
| 28. Colombia | 82. Luxembourg | 136. Switzerland |
| 29. Comoros | 83. Madagascar | 137. Tajikistan |
| 30. Congo | 84. Malawi | 138. Tanzania |
| 31. Congo, Democratic Republic | 85. Malaysia | 139. Thailand |
| 32. Costa Rica | 86. Maldives | 140. Togo |
| 33. Cote d'Ivoire | 87. Mali | 141. Trinidad and Tobago |
| 34. Croatia | 88. Malta | 142. Tunisia |
| 35. Cyprus | 89. Marshall Islands | 143. Turkey |
| 36. Czech Republic | 90. Mauritania | 144. Turkmenistan |
| 37. Denmark | 91. Mauritius | 145. Tuvalu |
| 38. Djibouti | 92. Mexico | 146. Uganda |
| 39. Dominica | 93. Micronesia | 147. United Arab Emirates |
| 40. Dominican Republic | 94. Monaco | 148. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) |
| 41. Ecuador | 95. Mongolia | 149. United States of America (USA) |
| 42. El Salvador | 96. Morocco | 150. Uruguay |
| 43. Equatorial Guinea | 97. Mozambique | 151. Uzbekistan |
| 44. Eritrea | 98. Myanmar | 152. Vanuatu |
| 45. Estonia | 99. Namibia | 153. Vatican |
| 46. Ethiopia | 100. Nepal | 154. Venezuela |
| 47. Fiji | 101. Netherlands | 155. Vietnam |
| 48. Finland | 102. New Zealand | 156. Zambia |
| 49. France | 103. Nicaragua | 157. Zimbabwe |
| 50. Gabon | 104. Niger | |
| 51. Gambia | 105. Norway | |
| 52. Germany | 106. Oman | |
| 53. Ghana | 107. Palau | |
| 54. Greece | 108. Panama | |

**Brazilian and Israeli nationals are given fifty-nine (59) days stay based on existing agreements.*

Annex 2

Country

Philippine Foreign Service Post

1. Afghanistan	Islamabad PE
2. Albania	Rome PE
3. Algeria	Tripoli PE
4. Andorra	Madrid PE
5. Angola	Pretoria PE
6. Antigua and Barbuda	Washington PE
7. Argentina	Buenos Aires PE
8. Armenia	Moscow PE
9. Australia	Canberra PE, Sydney PCG
10. Austria	Vienna PE, UN Vienna PM
11. Azerbaijan	Ankara PE
12. Bahamas	Washington PE
13. Bahrain	Manama PE
14. Bangladesh	Dhaka PE
15. Barbados	Washington PE
16. Belarus	Moscow PE
17. Belgium	Brussels PE
18. Belize	Mexico PE
19. Benin	Abuja PE
20. Bhutan	New Delhi PE
21. Bolivia	Buenos Aires PE
22. Bosnia and Herzegovina	Budapest PE
23. Botswana	Pretoria PE
24. Brazil	Brasilia PE
25. Brunei Darussalam	Bandar Seri Begawan PE
26. Bulgaria	Budapest PE
27. Burkina Faso	Abuja PE
28. Burundi	Nairobi PE
29. Cambodia	Phnom Penh PE
30. Cameroon	Abuja PE
31. Canada	Ottawa PE, Toronto PCG
32. Cape Verde	Abuja PE
33. Central African Republic	Abuja PE
34. Chad	Tripoli PE
35. Chile	Santiago PE
36. China	Beijing PE
37. Colombia	Brasilia PE
38. Comoros	Nairobi PE
39. Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Nairobi PE
40. Congo, Republic of the	Nairobi PE
41. Costa Rica	Mexico PE
42. Cote d'Ivoire	Abuja PE
43. Croatia	Vienna PE
44. Cuba	Mexico PE
45. Cyprus	Athens PE
46. Czech Republic	Prague PE
47. Denmark	Oslo PE

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❖ Philippine Consulate/General (PCG)

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48. Djibouti	Nairobi PE
49. Dominica	Washington PE
50. Dominican Republic	Mexico PE
51. Ecuador	Santiago PE
52. Egypt	Cairo PE
53. El Salvador	Mexico PE
54. Equatorial Guinea	Abuja PE
55. Eritrea	Nairobi PE
56. Estonia	Warsaw PE
57. Ethiopia	Nairobi PE
58. Fiji	Wellington PE
59. Finland	Oslo PE
60. France	Paris PE
61. Gabon	Abuja PE
62. Gambia	Abuja PE
63. Georgia	Ankara PE
64. Germany	Berlin PE
65. Ghana	Abuja PE
66. Greece	Athens PE
67. Grenada	Washington PE
68. Guatemala	Mexico PE
69. Guinea	Abuja PE
70. Guinea-Bissau	Abuja PE
71. Guyana	Brasilia PE
72. Haiti	Mexico PE
73. Honduras	Mexico PE
74. Hungary	Budapest PE
75. Iceland	Oslo PE
76. India	New Delhi PE
77. Indonesia	Jakarta PE, Manado PCG
78. Iran	Tehran PE
79. Iraq	Baghdad PE
80. Ireland	London PE
81. Israel	Tel-Aviv PE
82. Italy	Rome PE, Milan PCG
83. Jamaica	Mexico PE
84. Japan	Tokyo PE, Osaka PCG
85. Jordan	Amman PE
86. Kazakhstan	Islamabad PE
87. Kenya	Nairobi PE
88. Kiribati	Port Moresby PE
89. Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Beijing PE
90. Korea, Republic of	Seoul PE
91. Kosovo	Budapest PE
92. Kuwait	Kuwait PE

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93. Kyrgyzstan	Islamabad PE
94. Laos	Vientiane PE
95. Latvia	Warsaw PE
96. Lebanon	Beirut PE
97. Lesotho	Pretoria PE
98. Liberia	Abuja PE
99. Libya (State of Libya)	Tripoli PE
100. Liechtenstein	Berne PE
101. Lithuania	Warsaw PE
102. Luxembourg	Brussels PE
103. Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia (FYROM)	Athens PE
104. Madagascar	Nairobi PE
105. Malawi	Nairobi PE
106. Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur PE
107. Maldives	Dhaka PE
108. Mali	Tripoli PE
109. Malta	Rome PE
110. Marshall Islands	AsPac*
111. Mauritania	Tripoli PE
112. Mauritius	Nairobi PE
113. Mexico, Federated States of	Mexico PE
114. Micronesia	AsPac*
115. Moldova	Budapest PE
116. Monaco	Paris PE
117. Mongolia	Beijing PE
118. Montenegro	Budapest PE
119. Morocco	Madrid PE
120. Mozambique	Pretoria PE
121. Myanmar	Yangon PE
122. Namibia	Pretoria PE
123. Nauru	Canberra PE
124. Nepal	New Delhi PE
125. Netherlands	The Hague PE
126. New Zealand	Wellington PE
127. Nicaragua	Mexico PE
128. Niger	Tripoli PE
129. Nigeria	Abuja PE
130. Norway	Oslo PE
131. Oman	Muscat PE
132. Pakistan	Islamabad PE
133. Palau	AsPac*
134. Panama	Mexico PE
135. Papua New Guinea	Port Moresby PE
136. Paraguay	Buenos Aires PE
137. Peru	Santiago PE

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138. Poland	Warsaw PE
139. Portugal	Lisbon PE
140. Puerto Rico	Washington DC PE
141. Qatar	Doha PE
142. Romania	Budapest PE
143. Russia	Moscow PE
144. Rwanda	Nairobi PE
145. Saint Kitts and Nevis	Washington PE
146. Saint Lucia	Washington PE
147. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Washington PE
148. Samoa	Wellington PE
149. San Marino	Rome PE
150. Sao Tome and Principe	Abuja PE
151. Saudi Arabia	Riyadh PE, Jeddah PCG
152. Senegal	Abuja PE
153. Serbia	Budapest PE
154. Seychelles	Nairobi PE
155. Sierra Leone	Abuja PE
156. Singapore	Singapore PE
157. Slovakia	Vienna PE
158. Slovenia	Vienna PE
159. Solomon Islands	Port Moresby PE
160. Somalia	Nairobi PE
161. South Africa	Pretoria PE
162. Spain	Madrid PE
163. Sri Lanka	Dhaka PE
164. Sudan	Cairo PE
165. Suriname	Brasilia PE
166. Swaziland	Pretoria PE
167. Sweden	Oslo PE
168. Switzerland	Berne PE, UN Geneva PM
169. Syrian Arab Republic	Beirut PE
170. Tajikistan	Islamabad PE
171. Thailand	Bangkok PE
172. Timor-Leste	Dili PE
173. Togo	Abuja PE
174. Tonga	Wellington PE
175. Trinidad and Tobago	Washington DC PE
176. Tunisia	Tripoli PE
177. Turkey	Ankara PE
178. Turkmenistan	Tehran PE
179. Tuvalu	Canberra PE
180. Uganda	Nairobi PE
181. Ukraine	Moscow PE
182. United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi PE
183. United Kingdom	London PE

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184. Tanzania, United Republic	Nairobi PE
185. United States of America	Washington PE, , New York PCG, Chicago PCG, Los Angeles PCG, San Francisco PCG
186. Uruguay	Buenos Aires PE
187. Uzbekistan	Tehran PE
188. U. S. Virgin Islands	Washington DC PE
189. Vanuatu	Canberra PE
190. Venezuela	Mexico PE
191. Vietnam	Hanoi PE
192. Yemen	Riyadh PE
193. Zambia	Pretoria PE
194. Zimbabwe	Pretoria PE

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