

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 20 - 22
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SUBJECT : BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS OR ACTIVITIES ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN AREAS DECLARED UNDER ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ) AND GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) PURSUANT TO THE OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AS CONFIRMED AND ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 112 S. 2020

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020, the President, declared a State of Public Health Emergency through Proclamation No. 922 due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, the President imposed an enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) in Luzon starting from 17 March 2020 until 13 April 2020 to halt the further spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) in Resolution No. 28 dated 23 April 2020, Resolution No. 29 dated 27 April 2020 and in Resolution No. 30 dated 29 April 2020, recommended the extension or imposition of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in certain regions, provinces, and areas;

WHEREAS, in the same Resolutions, the IATF recommended the implementation of the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) starting May 1, 2020 for low-risk or moderate-risk administrative regions, provinces, or areas; *Provided*, that as a precondition, minimum health standards as defined by the Department of Health (DOH) are achieved and continually observed;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) issued Administrative Order No. 2020-0015 dated 27 April 2020 or the "Guidelines on the Risk-Based Public Health Standards for COVID-19 Mitigation" and the DTI and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) issued the Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the IATF issued the Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine dated 29 April 2020, as amended by IATF Resolution No. 30-A dated 01 May 2020, to harmonize and codify existing policies of the IATF and member-agencies pertaining to community quarantine, which shall be applied to all regions, provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays placed under community quarantine;

WHEREAS, under the Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine, DTI was mandated to determine the business activities falling under Category I, II, III, and IV Industries according to the definition of the IATF;

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine, as recommended under IATF Resolution No. 30 dated 29 April 2020, was confirmed and adopted by the President under Executive Order No. 112 s. 2020 dated 30 April 2020;

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WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, the following are hereby prescribed and provided:

SEC. 1. Scope. These guidelines shall apply nationwide to business activities allowed to operate in areas declared under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and General Community Quarantine (GCQ).

SEC. 2. Unhampered Movement of Cargo. The movement of all types of cargoes by land, air, or sea within and across areas placed under ECQ or GCQ shall be unhampered. Workers in the logistics sector, such as cargo, trucking, and port operations shall likewise be allowed to transit across areas placed under ECQ or GCQ. All Local Government Units (LGUs) are directed to strictly abide by this national policy, *provided that*, only a maximum of five (5) personnel may operate cargo and delivery vehicles by land, with or without load.

LGUs and local health units (LHUs) are hereby enjoined not to issue orders contrary to or inconsistent with said directive, such as, but not limited to, requiring asymptomatic drivers and crew of cargo or service delivery vehicles to undergo mandatory fourteen (14)-day home quarantine. *Provided further*, that strict social distancing measures must be strictly observed, which may include, if necessary, the putting up of additional safe and humane seats or space in the vehicles. *Finally*, the PNP retains its authority to conduct inspection procedures in checkpoints for the purpose of ensuring that protocols on strict home quarantine are observed.

SEC. 3. Category I-IV Business Establishments or Activities. Annexed to this Circular is the list of business establishments or activities under Category I- IV, both for allowed and not allowed, according to the categorization provided under the Omnibus Guidelines, as confirmed and adopted by Executive Order No. 112 s. 2020.

No presumption shall arise as to the exclusivity or inclusivity of the enumeration of business establishments or activities annexed in this Circular. The Department may update the annexed list to add or limit the coverage of business activities and establishments under them as the need arises.

SEC. 4. Movement of Workers. The movement of workers of business establishments or activities under Category I-III are allowed subject to the operational capacity limits set by the IATF and presentation in quarantine control points of company ID or certificate of employment or any identification requirements that the IATF may issue. IATF ID or Rapid Pass shall not be required. Due to limited operation (at a reduced capacity) of public transportation and to further limit people movement, business establishments are encouraged to provide shuttle services to their employees.

SEC. 5. Employees or Workers classified as Authorized Persons Outside of Residences (APOR). The following employees or workers shall be allowed to be outside of their residences, *provided that*, it is for the purpose of reporting to work in permitted industries and offices under Section 3 and 4 or to obtain essential goods:

- a) those with ages below 21 years old;
- b) those 60 years old and above;
- c) those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities or other health risk;
- d) pregnant women; and
- e) any person who resides with the aforementioned

SEC. 6. Compliance with Required Public Health Standards. Except as otherwise provided in this Circular or in later issuances, business activities and establishments allowed

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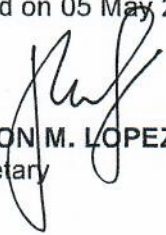
to operate shall strictly implement the required public health standards prescribed by the DOH for offices/workplaces under Administrative Order No. 2020-0015 s. 2020 dated 27 April 2020 and those defined under DTI-DOLE Joint Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of COVID-19.

Business establishments are also directed to report or notify public health authorities of employees and/or staff who show signs or symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Further, in cases that their employees and/or staff have been exposed to COVID-19, the business establishment must implement contact tracing in coordination with the DOH and the LGU concerned.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any part or provision of this Circular be declared invalid, any part or provision not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and shall remain in effect until the state of public health emergency is lifted.

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Secretary


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ANNEX – DETAILED LIST OF SECTORS ALLOWED DURING ECQ AND GCQ

Legend:

✓ = Allowed

✗ = Not Allowed

Category I Industries: Full Operational Capacity		
Sectors	Allowed in ECQ	Allowed in GCQ
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, and their workers, including farmers, Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs), fisherfolk, and agri-fishery stores, and its entire value chain	✓	✓
Manufacturing and Processing Plants and the entire value chain (raw materials, inputs, including packaging) of Basic Food Products, Essential Products, Medicine and Medical Supplies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Food and Beverages (only non-alcoholic drinks) • Essential and Hygiene Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Soap, detergents, shampoo, and conditioners ➤ Diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet papers, wet wipes ➤ Disinfectants • Medicines and Vitamins • Medical Products, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PPEs, Masks, Gloves, Others • Pet food, feeds, and fertilizers 	✓	✓
Hospitals, Medical Clinics, and Health Clinics such as dermatological and other clinics for non-aesthetic such as <i>dental, optometric, and eye, ear, nose, throat</i> (EENT), subject to strict health standards and strict observance of infection prevention and control protocols. Wearing of PPE by dentists and attendants shall be mandatory.	✓	✓
Retail Establishments (Groceries, Supermarkets, Hypermarkets, Convenience Stores, Public Markets, Pharmacies and Drug Stores)	✓	✓
Laundry Shops (including self-service)	✓	✓
Food Preparation Establishments insofar as take-out and delivery services and Water- Refilling Stations	✓	✓
Logistics Service Providers (Cargo Handling, Warehousing, Trucking, Freight Forwarding, and Shipping Line)	✓	✓
Delivery services, whether in-house or outsourced, transporting food, medicine, other essential goods such as hygiene products and medical supplies, clothing, accessories, hardware, housewares (such as appliances), school and office supplies, including computer accessories, ink, IT, communications, and electronics equipment, pet food, and other veterinary products	✓	✓
Power, energy, water, information technology and telecommunications supplies and facilities, including waste disposal services, as well as property management and building utility services	✓	✓
Electricity, Gas, Steam, and Air Conditioning Supply Services	✓	✓
Water Collection, Treatment and Supply	✓	✓
Waste Collection, Treatment and Disposal Activities, and Materials Recovery	✓	✓
Sewerage (except emptying of septic tanks)	✓	✓

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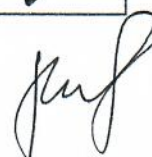
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but including pest control, garbage collection and disposal, sewer maintenance and treatment)		
Repair and Installation of Machinery and Equipment	✓	✓
Real Estate Activities (For GCQ: Include leasing, buying, selling, subdividing, appraising, and development of cemetery and columbarium)	✓ (Leasing allowed)	✓
Telecommunications companies, internet service providers, cable television providers, including those who perform indirect services such as the technical, sales, and other support personnel, as well as the employees of their third-party contractors doing sales, installation, maintenance and repair works	✓	✓
Energy companies, their third-party contractors and service providers, including employees involved in electric transmission and distribution companies, electric power plant and line maintenance, electricity market and retail suppliers, as well as those involved in the exploration, operations, trading and delivery of coal, oil, crude or petroleum and by-products (gasoline, diesel, liquefied petroleum gas, jet oil, kerosene, lubricants), including refineries and depots or any kind of fuel used to produce electricity	✓	✓
Gasoline Stations	✓	✓
Construction workers accredited by the Department of Public Works and Highways to work on facilities identified for purposes of quarantine and isolation, including such facilities for the health sector, emergency works, flood control, and other disaster risk reduction and rehabilitation works	✓	✓
Manufacturing companies and suppliers of equipment or products necessary to perform construction works	✓	✓
Media establishments	✓	✓
Category II Industries: 50% Up To Full Operational Capacity		
Sectors	Allowed in ECQ	Allowed in GCQ
Other Manufacturing Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverages (e.g. alcoholic drinks) • Cement and Steel • Electrical Machinery • Wood products, Furniture • Non-metallic products • Textiles / Wearing apparels • Tobacco products • Paper and Paper products • Rubber and Plastic products • Coke and Refined Petroleum products • Other non-metallic mineral products • Computer, Electronic and Optical Products • Electrical Equipment • Machinery and Equipment • Motor Vehicles, Trailers and Semi-Trailers • Other Transport Equipment • Others 	*	✓
Mining and Quarrying	✓	✓
Electronic Commerce Companies	✓	✓
Postal and Courier and Delivery Services of all other products not included in Section 2.4.f of the Omnibus Guidelines	✓	✓
Export-oriented companies (For ECQ: work-from-home, on-site or near	✓	✓

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site accommodation, or point-to-point shuttling arrangements. Export-oriented businesses shall be allowed to install and transport the necessary work-from-home equipment, to enhance their operations by deploying their workers under on-site or near-site accommodation arrangements, or provide point-to-point shuttle services from their near-site accommodations to their offices)		
Essential public and private construction projects, such as but not limited to sewerage, water services facilities, and digital works, and health facilities, and priority projects	✘	✓
Repair of Computers and Personal and Household Goods	✓	✓
Housing Service Activities	✓	✓
Office Administrative, Office Support and Other Business Activities, such as but not limited to photocopying, billing, and record keeping services	✘	✓
Accommodation only for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For areas outside Luzon, guests who have existing booking accommodations for foreigners as of May 1, 2020; • Guests who have existing long-term bookings; • Distressed Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals; • Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols; • Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine; and • Health care workers and other employees from exempted establishments under the Omnibus Guidelines and applicable Memoranda from the Executive Secretary 	✓	✓
Funeral and embalming services. Provided, that funeral service operators are directed to provide shuttling services and/or housing accommodations for their personnel and staff	✓	✓
Veterinary Clinics	✓	✓
Security and Investigation Activities	✓	✓
Category III Industries: 50% Work-On-Site Arrangement, Work-From-Home, and Other Alternative Work Arrangement		
Sectors	Allowed in ECQ	Allowed in GCQ
Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) companies with work-from-home, on-site or near site accommodation, or point-to-point shuttling arrangements. For this purpose, BPOs and their service providers shall be allowed to install and transport the necessary work-from-home equipment, to enhance their operations by deploying their workers under on-site or near-site accommodation arrangements, or provide point-to-point shuttle services from their near-site accommodations to their offices	✓	✓
Banks, money transfer services, microfinance institutions, pawnshops, and credit cooperatives, including their armored vehicle services, if any	✓ (except pawnshops not performing money transfer)	✓
Capital markets, including but not limited to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Securities and Exchange Commission, Philippine Stock Exchange, Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corporation, Philippine Securities Settlement Corporation, and Philippine Depository and Trust Corporation	✓	✓

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Trust Corporation		
Other Financial Services such as Money Exchange, Insurance, Reinsurance, and Pension Funding, Except Compulsory Social Security	×	✓
Legal and Accounting	×	✓
Management Consultancy Activities	×	✓
Architecture and Engineering Activities; Technical Testing and Analysis	×	✓
Scientific and Research Development	×	✓
Advertising and Market Research	×	✓
Computer programming (such as writing modifying, testing and supporting software, planning and designing computer systems), information service activities (such as data processing and hosting activities) and other related activities	×	✓
Publishing and Printing Activities (such as printing of newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals, books, brochures, manuscripts, posters, maps, atlases, advertising catalogues, prospectuses, etc; printing directly onto textiles, plastic, glass, metal wood, and ceramics)	×	✓
Motion Picture, Video and Television Program Production, Sound Recording and Music Publishing Activities	×	✓
Rental and Leasing Activities, other than real estate (such as leasing of motor vehicles, machinery, and equipment, except for entertainment and mass gathering purposes)	✓	✓
Employment Activities (such as recruitment and placement, for essential activities)	✓	✓
Other activities such as photography services; fashion, industrial, graphic, and interior design	×	✓
Malls and Commercial Centers (including hardware stores, clothing and accessories, mall-based government frontline services, other non-leisure stores and establishments; <i>Provided</i> , that dining services shall remain closed)	×	✓
Barbershops and salon (including nail care), subject to compliance with strict health standards	×	✓
Other non-leisure whole sale and retail establishments and activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wholesale and Retail Trade of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles, and Bicycles, including their parts and components Repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, and bicycles (including vulcanizing shops, battery repair shops, auto repair shops) Hardware stores Bookstores and school and office supplies stores Baby care supplies stores Pet food and pet care supplies; IT, communications, and electronic equipment; flower, jewelry, novelty, antique, perfume shops 	×	✓

Category IV Industries: Not Allowed to Operate

Sectors	Allowed in ECQ	Allowed in GCQ
Gyms/Fitness studios and Sports Facilities	×	×
Entertainment industries such as but not limited to cinemas and theaters, karaoke bars, comedy bars, pubs, bars, nightclubs, beerhouses, etc.	×	×

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Kid amusement industries such as but not limited to toy stores playgrounds, playrooms and rides	*	*
Libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural centers art galleries, botanical and zoological gardens	*	*
Tourist destinations such as but not limited to water parks, beaches, and resorts except those used as quarantine facility	*	*
Travel agencies, tour operators, reservation service and related activities	*	*
Gambling and betting such as but not limited to cockfighting, casinos, and the like	*	*
Personal Care Services such as massage parlors, sauna bath establishments, facial care, foot spa, and waxing salons	*	*
Any other amusement, leisure, gaming, and tourism establishments that promote mass gathering	*	*

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