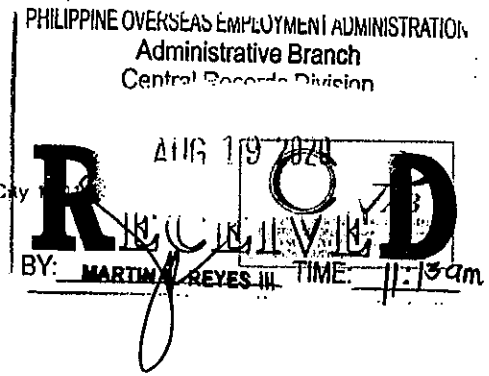




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**COVID-19 Testing for Seafarers on Vessels from the Philippines Bound for China**

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Philippines has provided information that since July 2020, 23 Filipino seafarers have tested positive of COVID-19 when they arrived in China.

In order to ensure the security of maritime transportation and fishery cooperation between China and the Philippines, the government of China has imposed new requirements for all seafarers coming from the Philippines.

All Chinese and foreign seafarers coming from the Philippines to China are requested to provide the negative COVID-19 nucleic acid testing results within 3 days before boarding. Without such negative testing results, the seafarers may be denied entry into China.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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