State of Qatar Announces COVID-19 "Low Risk" Countries

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) of Qatar published on 22 July 2020 a list of "Low-Risk" countries from which entry of their nationals will be allowed into Qatar. The countries included in the list are as follows:

The nationals from low-risk countries should observe the following policies upon their arrival to the State of Qatar:

- To take a Coronavirus test upon arrival at the airport; and
- To sign a formal pledge to adhere to be quarantined at home for a week.

After a week of home quarantine has elapsed, the traveler must go to one of the dedicated health centers to get another Coronavirus test. If the result is positive, the traveler will be transferred to isolation. If the result is negative, the quarantine period ends at the end of that week.

If there are accredited Covid-19 testing centers in any of the low-risk countries, obtaining a COVID-Free Certificate from one of these centers exempts the traveler from taking the test at the airport upon arrival in Qatar provided that the date of obtaining the certificate does not exceed 48 hours before traveling.

1. Brunei Darussalam
2. Vietnam
3. China
4. Thailand
5. Malaysia
6. New Zealand
7. Malta
8. Finland
9. Hungary
10. South Korea
11. Estonia
12. Norway
13. Lithuania
14. Latvia
15. Japan
16. Cyprus
17. Ireland
18. Greece
19. Italy
20. Slovakia
21. Denmark
22. Netherlands
23. Germany
24. Morocco
25. Poland
26. France
27. Australia
28. Canada
29. Slovenia
30. Belgium
31. United Kingdom
32. Czech Republic / Czechia
33. Austria
34. Switzerland
35. Algeria
36. Turkey
37. Iceland
38. Spain
39. Croatia
40. Andorra

To date, the Philippines is not on the list of 40 countries and hence, Filipino nationals bound for Qatar will be undergo stricter travel policies in Qatar. The list will be reviewed every two weeks.

For the guidance and information of all concerned.

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Sources: Philippine Overseas Labor Office (Doha, Qatar)
Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) of Qatar