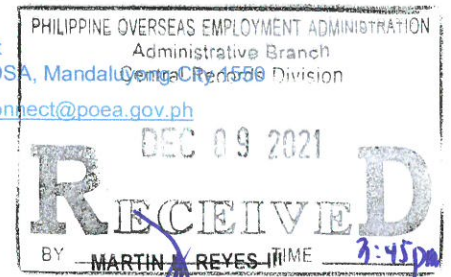




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**ITALY NEW BORDER RESTRICTIONS AND HEALTH PROTOCOLS**

Italy recently announced the tightening of travel restrictions in the country after a new case of Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus has been detected in Milan, from a person who travelled from Mozambique.

The country already banned flights from South Africa and imposed further restrictions by prohibiting the entry in its borders of travelers who have visited Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe in the last 14 days.

Passengers who are being allowed to enter the country are required to accomplish the digital Passenger Locator Form (PLF) - DPLF.

The Philippines is currently included in the List E of Italy's Entry Limitations to Travelers. Entry of travelers from countries under the said list does not require any authorization from the Ministry of Health but are allowed for the following specific reasons:

- a. work
- b. health reasons
- c. study reasons
- d. absolute urgency
- e. return to one's domicile, home, or residence.

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Milan has reported that a new "Super Green Pass" regulation will come into force starting 06 December 2021 in Italy. The regulation will require a "Super Green Pass" health certificate to access most venues and services across the country, in a bid to contain Italy's rising infection rate and ensure Christmas celebrations can go ahead as planned.

The said pass can be obtained only by those who have been vaccinated against or have recovered from the COVID-19. It supersedes the basic "Green Pass" which was also available to those who had recently tested negative for the virus, although the basic Green Pass will still be valid for use on public transport and to access workplaces.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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