

REVISED GUIDELINES

*(As Per IATF-MEID Resolution
No. 107 Series Of 2021)*

Allowing Foreign seafarers to
enter the Philippines under the
“**Green Lanes**” program.



What do you mean by “**Green Lanes**”?

It is a program established by the Philippine Government to **ensure that seafarers are accorded speedy and safe travel**, including their safe and swift disembarkation and crew change, **during the COVID-19 pandemic**.



Why do we have “**Green Lanes**” program?



- “Green lanes” program was launched by the government in a bid to promote the Philippines as a hub for crew change for international maritime vessels and facilitate the movement of sailors in the region during the pandemic.

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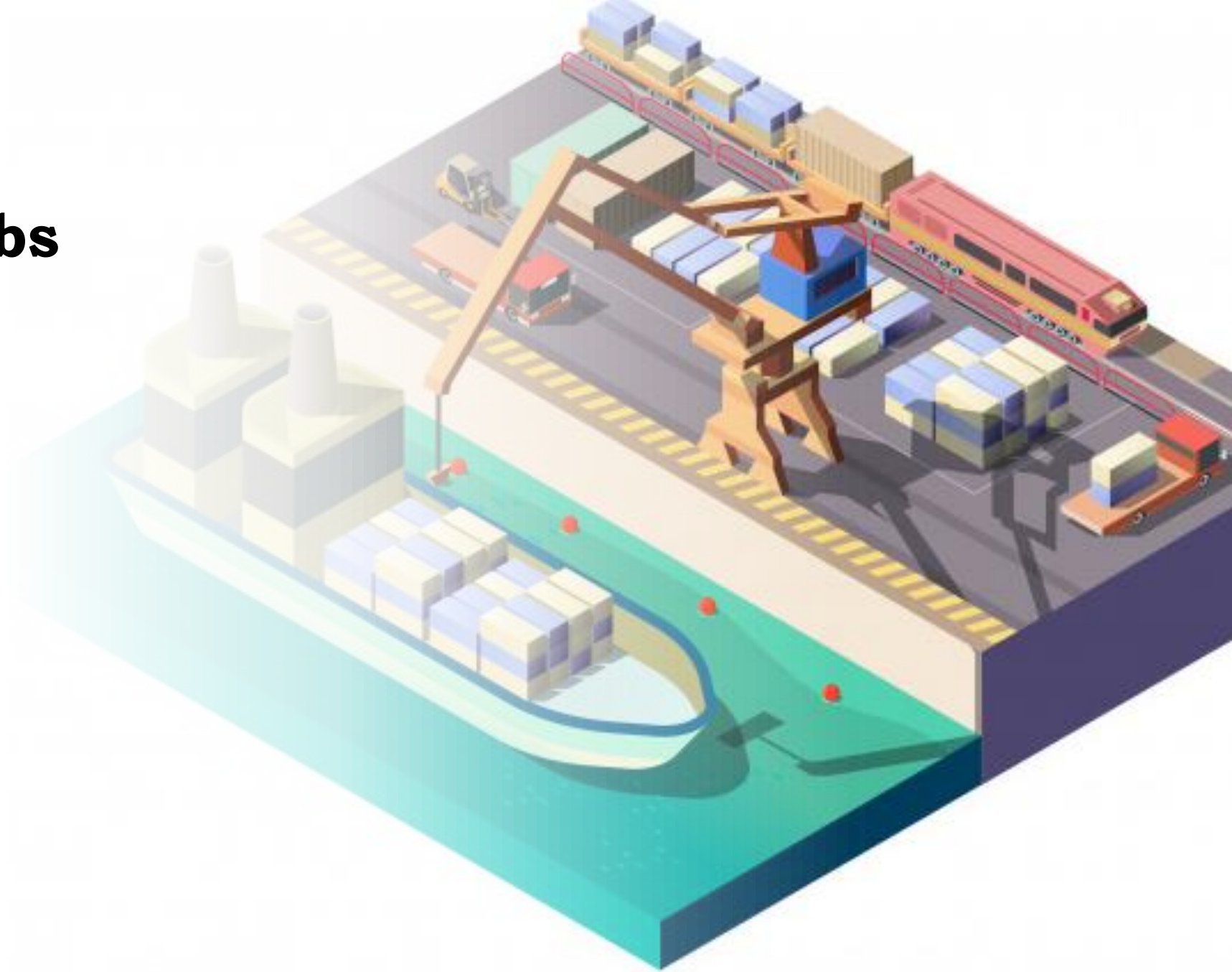


- The entry of foreign seafarers that will undergo crew change is essential in keeping the maritime industry afloat.
- They are much-needed manpower especially in cargo vessels that transport goods in and out of the country.

Where are these **Crew Change Hubs** located?

They are located in :

- Manila
- Bataan
- Batangas
- Subic
- Cebu
- Davao



Does this mean that **ALL** Foreign Seafarers can enter the Philippines?

NO. ONLY Foreign Seafarers **holding 9(c) crew list visa** at the time of entry are allowed to enter the Philippines.



Does the “**Green Lanes**” program only apply to foreign seafarers?

NO. The *Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine (Amended as of March 28, 2021)* provides that government offices and agencies involved in the processing of deployment of OFWs are directed to establish “**Green Lanes**” to enable the prompt processing and deployment of OFWs.



How does the “**Green Lanes**” program apply to OFWs?

To facilitate the ease of deployment, the **OFWs and employees of recruitment and placement agencies shall be allowed unhampered transit** to and from appropriate government offices during MECQ, GCQ or MGCQ for the processing of their requirements.



We are currently under ECQ, can OFWs travel to process their deployment papers?



NO. Under the *Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine (Amended as of March 28, 2021)*, the “Green Lanes” program for OFWs only allows travel/transit during MECQ, GCQ or MGCQ.



Apart from Filipino Nationals, who can enter the Philippines?



- Starting 22 March 2021 until 21 April 2021, **ONLY** the following foreign nationals may enter the Philippines :

Foreign National	Requirements
Diplomats and members of international organizations and their dependents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9(e) visa or 47(a)(2) visa
Foreign nationals involved in medical repatriation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFA endorsement OWWA endorsement Valid visa
Foreign seafarers under the “ Green Lanes ” program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9(c) visa for crew change
Foreign parent/s spouses and children of Filipino nationals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be travelling with Filipino national Valid visa
Emergency , humanitarian and other analogous causes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved by the Chairperson of NTF COVID-19 or his representative Valid visa



THANK YOU!