



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

No. 2020- 0034-A

**TO: PORT OPERATORS, OTHER PORT AUTHORITIES,
SHIPPING AGENCIES, SHIP HANDLERS AND
CONCERNED MANNING AGENCIES**

**SUBJECT: Amendment to Department Circular No. 2020-0034 "Guidelines at
Seaports for Prevention and Spread of Novel Coronavirus Acute
Respiratory Disease (2019-NCOV ARD)" dated 04 February 2020**

This amendment is issued to reflect the following changes in Department Circular No. 2020-0034 "Guidelines at all Seaports for Prevention and Spread of Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (2019-Ncov ARD):

From:

B.1 All vessels calling from China, including Hong Kong and Macau SAR, in the past fourteen (14) days must be boarded at the quarantine anchorage.

B.4 Vessels cleared at the first port of entry and calling another local port, which is within the past fourteen (14) days travel from China, Hong Kong and Macau SAR, must be boarded at the designated Quarantine anchorage area by QMO, submit duly accomplished Maritime Declaration of Health and other pertinent documents.


To:

B.1 All vessels calling from China, including Hong Kong and Macau SAR, **regardless of the fourteen (14) days incubation period of the disease**, must be boarded at the Quarantine anchorage

B.4 Vessels cleared at the first port of entry and calling another local port, **within fourteen (14) days** of travel from China, Hong Kong and Macau SAR, must be boarded at the designated Quarantine anchorage area by QMO, submit duly accomplished Maritime Declaration of Health and other pertinent documents.

All other provisions of Department Circular No. 2020-0034 dated February 4, 2020 remain in effect.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:


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