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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83
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"AN ORDER IMPOSING MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2020 UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2020 EXCEPT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE WHICH IS PLACED UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 2020, AND THE CORRESPONDING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MGCQ"

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) issued Resolution No. 75-A dated September 28, 2020 placing the Province of Occidental Mindoro among the areas under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) from October 1, 2020 until October 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (RIATF) MIMAROPA and Regional Task Force Against COVID-19 MIMAROPA issued Joint Resolution No. 10 Series of 2020 dated September 30, 2020 concurring on the appeal of the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro to place the Municipality of San Jose under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) beginning October 1, 2020 until October 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, there is an urgent need to promulgate this Executive Order to impose Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) in the Province of Occidental Mindoro from October 1, 2020 until October 31, 2020 except the Municipality of San Jose which is hereby placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) from October 1, 2020 until October 15, 2020 pursuant to RIATF and RTF Against COVID-19 MIMAROPA Joint Resolution No. 10 Series of 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor, Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. IMPOSITION OF MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO EXCEPT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE.

Pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 75-A dated September 28, 2020, the Province of Occidental Mindoro is hereby placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) starting on October 1, 2020 until October 31, 2020. However, Municipality of San Jose is hereby placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) from October 1, 2020 until October 15, 2020 pursuant to RIATF and RTF Against COVID-19 MIMAROPA Joint Resolution No. 10 Series of 2020.

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Section 2. MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ).

Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) refers to the transition phase between GCQ and New Normal, when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary: limiting movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.

Section 3. MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS.

Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MGCQ.

Minimum public health standards refers to guidelines set by the DOH in Administrative Order No. 2020-0015, as well as sector-relevant guidelines issued by national government agencies as authorized by the IATF, to aid all sectors in all settings to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI), which refer to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population to mitigate COVID-19.

For purposes of this Executive Order, minimum public health standards such as the wearing of face masks, appropriate physical distancing, regular washing of hands and observance of proper cough etiquette shall be complied with at all times.

Section 4. MOVEMENT OF PERSONS.

The movement of all persons in areas placed under MGCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder, and for other activities permitted under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ).

Section 5. PERSONS PROHIBITED TO GO OUTSIDE RESIDENCE.

Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times; Provided that all activities and movements allowed under Sections 6 and 8 of this Executive Order and other Sections of the IATF Omnibus Guidelines for the foregoing persons shall continue to be permitted under MGCQ.

Section 6. ALLOWED SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND EXERCISES.

Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting and skateboarding are allowed. Provided, that the minimum public health standards such as wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. For this purpose, the prohibition in Section 5 does not apply.

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Section 7. LIMITED MASS GATHERINGS.

Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, religious services, and work conferences shall be allowed provided that participants shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity.

Section 8. CLASSES IN HEIs and K-12 BASIC EDUCATION.

Limited face-to-face or in-person classes may be conducted in HEIs provided there is strict compliance with minimum public health standards, consultation with local government units, and compliance with guidelines set by CHED.

For K-12 Basic Education, the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan of the DepEd shall be adopted.

For this purpose, the prohibition in Section 5 of this Executive Order does not apply.

Section 9. WORK IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OFFICES.

Work in all public and private offices may be allowed to resume physical reporting to work at full operating capacity, with alternative work arrangements for persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women.

Section 10. WORK IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

Work in government offices may be at full operational capacity, or under such alternative work arrangements as agencies may deem appropriate in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

Section 11. WEARING OF FACE SHIELDS IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, WORKPLACES, PUBLIC MARKETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

In addition to the wearing of face masks, wearing of face shields in public transportation and in workplaces is a must. Wearing of the same is likewise required in supermarkets, public markets, malls, and in venues where government-initiated meetings and critical government services are being conducted or provided. In all other public areas, the wearing of the face shields shall be highly encouraged.

Section 12. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION.

The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at the capacity in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTr. Provided, that in all public transports, proper physical distancing between passengers shall be observed and appropriate engineering controls shall be in place.

Private transportation shall be allowed subject to the guidelines provided by DOTr.

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The following guidelines and protocols shall be complied with in public transportation:

1. Passenger capacity shall be as follows:

- a. BUS Passenger Limits: Passenger load shall not exceed 50% or half of the vehicle's capacity (excluding driver and conductor); passengers should be seated one seat apart; no standing passengers shall be allowed.
- b. PUJ Passenger Limits (for OFG-compliant and traditional units) : Passenger load shall not exceed 50% or half of the vehicle's capacity (excluding driver and conductor); passengers should be seated one seat apart; no standing passengers shall be allowed. The passenger seat beside the driver may be occupied by one (1) passenger provided that the driver compartment is sealed off by non-permeable transparent barrier and there is no conductor present during the trip.
- c. UV Express Passenger Limits: Passenger load shall not exceed two (2) passengers per row, except for the driver's row for which there should only be one (1) passenger allowed to occupy the passenger seat, provided that the driver compartment is sealed off by non-permeable transparent barrier and there is no conductor present during the trip.
- d. To ensure that the limited passenger capacity is complied with, operators are required to adopt means or markings that will guide passengers as to which seats are available during the trips (such as *non-permeable/acetate seat barrier* and the like).

2. In order to be allowed to operate on the identified routes, operators are directed to secure the necessary Special Permit. Request for Special Permit shall be done through an online facility (such as via email) to be set up by the Central Office and the respective RFROs. Special Permits shall be free of charge for the duration of the GCQ.

Units subject of the Special Permit should comply with the following must:

- a. Have a valid franchise/CPC be currently registered and with a valid/existing Personal Passenger Accident Insurance;
- b. Pass the Roadworthy Inspection to be conducted by the LTO; and
- c. Be included among the authorized units owned by a juridical entity such as a cooperative or corporation.

3. Those granted Special Permits shall be further subjected to the following conditions:

- a. Drivers and conductors shall wear masks and gloves at all times;
- b. Commuters are required to wear masks in order to be allowed to board a PUV (No Face Mask, No Ride);
- c. If OFG Compliant units, preferably with AFCS facility in collecting the Fare;
- d. For those without AFCS, PUJ drivers/conductors shall collect fares at the front seat before the passenger boards the PUV;
- e. UV Express shall strictly follow the point to point operation and the fare shall be collected at their designated terminals. Thermal scanning of passengers shall be

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done at the terminal before boarding or start of the trip. Those with body temperature of 38 degrees centigrade or higher shall not be allowed to board the vehicle. Hence, commuters with fever are not advised to travel;

- f. All BUSES must be equipped with thermal scanners while plying the route for the checking of body temperature to all passengers prior to boarding. Those with body temperature of 38 degrees centigrade or higher shall not be allowed to board the vehicle. Hence, commuters with fever are not advised to travel;
 - g. Vehicles shall be disinfected every end of each trip with all surfaces (especially seats, armrests, handles) wiped down with disinfecting agent;
 - h. All oftenly touched parts or surfaces of the vehicle such as but not limited to seats, armrests and handles shall be disinfected at least once every three (3) hours if the vehicle is in continuous operation;
 - i. Operators/Drivers should provide a foot-disinfectant or foot bath for passengers prior to boarding;
 - j. For PUJ & UV Express, the driver compartment should be sealed off from passenger area using non-permeable, transparent material. In such case, PUJ & UV Express may be allowed to take on one passenger on the driver's row.
 - k. Physical distancing must at all times be observed inside the PUVs. Thus, passenger load must not exceed 50% or half of the vehicle's capacity (excluding driver and conductor); passengers should be seated one seat apart; no standing passengers shall be allowed.
 - l. PUJ operators shall install impermeable barriers between rows of seats that are less than 1 meter apart if they wish to maximize 50% passenger load;
 - m. Operators/Drivers shall put a marking on the seats of the PUVs where the passengers must occupy;
 - n. All safety officers must regularly examine the drivers' and conductors' fitness to work by checking their body temperature and screening/detecting any symptoms of COVID-19. Should a driver or conductor show symptoms of COVID-19, he/she shall be prohibited to report to work and shall be subjected to quarantine immediately.
 - o. Operators must regularly check the availability of the thermal scanner in terminals and BUS units.
 - p. Operators/Drivers shall comply with all the IATF-EID resolutions in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic in order to prevent the spread of the virus.
4. For purposes of contact tracing:
- a. All provincial buses and premium point-to-point (P2P) buses as well as UV Express shall have a passenger manifest taken at designated terminal prior to departure where the conductor can record pertinent information of the commuters who utilized the vehicle for contact tracing purposes;



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- b. To further enhance the contact tracing, passengers of PUVs, especially provincial bus, and PUJs, are required to take note of the plate number or body number of the PUV/s they rode, date and time they boarded the PUV, and the route they took; same shall be given to the PUV driver and/or conductor upon alighting the vehicle;
 - c. All PUVs shall display this reminder on contact tracing with the plate number/body number of the vehicle and contact number of operators prominently visible to all passengers; and
 - d. Drivers, conductors, and all related personnel shall keep a log of their daily travel to and from work.
5. In the operation of PUV terminals, the following shall be observed:
- a. All PUV terminals shall observe appropriate sanitary measures during the period of operations, especially in oftenly-touched surfaces (such as but not limited to waiting areas, passenger lounge, seats, counters, door knobs and the like). All terminal employees shall wear face masks at all times and be regularly subjected to medical check-up.
 - b. All PUV Terminals shall be provided with alcohol and hand washing facility (with water supply and soap) at the entrance for the free use of passengers.
 - c. Passengers are required to wear face masks and shall observe social distancing while within the terminal premises. Failure of which shall result in their denial to enter terminals.
 - d. Passengers shall be required to undergo checking of body temperature. In case body temperature is 38 degrees centigrade or higher, they shall not be allowed to enter and shall be referred to the nearest medical facility.

Section 13. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

All public and private construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this regard, the following are the guidelines for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 public health crisis:

A. Prior to Deployment

1. Any person below 21 years old, those who are 60 years old and above, those with immune deficiencies, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including those who reside with the aforementioned, shall not be part of the workforce for construction projects except as may be allowed under the Revised Omnibus Guidelines issued by the IATF.



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2. As a general rule, construction personnel/workers shall be sourced by the contractor from the residents of the municipality or municipalities where the project is to be constructed. In exceptional cases where there is dearth of qualified personnel/worker in the said municipality, the contractor may source from outside the municipality but he shall ensure that a COVID-19 test shall first be conducted on the worker at the originating municipality. Only when the result is negative that the said worker may be transported to the place of the construction project to work.
3. Construction personnel shall undergo quarantine for fourteen (14) days prior to deployment; or in the alternative, the employee may undergo any available COVID-19 test, as may be prescribed by the DOH, and be retested as the need arises. In this regard, consultation with medical doctors (duly accredited by DOH, if possible) prior to the conduct of COVID-19 test shall be made. Further, COVID-19 test procedures and return-to-work policies of contractors should comply with DOH Circular No. 2020-0220 dated 11 May 2020, and other pertinent issuances of the DOH on the matter.
4. The concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers shall provide for their personnel/workers the necessary welfare facilities and amenities, such as employees' quarters for board and lodging, ensuring compliance with social distancing, proper hygiene, etc.
5. Concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers shall ensure that their projects are in compliance with DOLE D.O. No.13, Series of 1998, and the DTI and DOLE Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of COVID-19. Contractors shall provide their personnel and workers continuous supply of vitamins, particularly vitamin C, other over-the-counter medicines, quarantine facilities, and oxygen tanks for emergency purposes.
6. Concessionaires, contractors, and subcontractors shall provide disinfection facilities at their respective project sites in compliance with pertinent DOH and IATF Guidelines, to be placed at strategic locations to ensure the safety and welfare of all personnel.
7. Proper information dissemination regarding COVID-19 construction protocols, on top of existing construction safety practices, shall be conducted by Safety Officers to all personnel.

B. During Deployment

1. Conduct an inventory of works for the construction sequencing to be followed and undertaken to uphold the required social distancing. Break times shall be conducted in a staggered manner.
2. Employees shall be housed in their respective quarters for the entire duration of the project covered by the MGCQ. In case there is a need to leave the said quarters during the project duration, "Prior to Deployment" procedures shall be conducted at every instance of re-entry.

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3. Errands to be conducted outside the construction site premises shall be kept to a minimum. Number of personnel running errands shall be limited and shall be properly disinfected and closely monitored for symptoms within 14 days upon re-entry.
4. Field offices, employees' quarters, and other common areas shall be regularly maintained, including the daily disinfection of such facilities.
5. Adequate food, safe/potable drinking water, disinfectants, and hand soaps shall be made available by the concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers to their in-house personnel.
6. Daily monitoring of the pre and post-work health conditions of workers shall be undertaken by the concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers, including but not limited to temperature, health, and exposure monitoring, as preventive measures. Personnel with manifestation or symptoms relative to COVID-19 shall be immediately isolated and quarantined for 14 days and if necessary, brought to the nearest DOH COVID-19 treatment facility under strict confidentiality and privacy. Proper protocols in accordance with the DTI and DOLE Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of COVID-19 shall likewise be strictly observed.
7. Work activities shall be strictly monitored daily by the Safety Officer on site to ensure compliance with safety standards and quarantine protocols.
8. There shall be a full-time Safety Engineer/Officer assigned at the site who shall strictly monitor work activities. Said Safety Engineer/Officer shall ensure strict compliance with DOLE D.O. No. 13, Series of 1998 and the DTI and DOLE Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of COVID-19 with regard to the wearing of additional personal protective equipment (PPE) required such as, but not limited to, face masks, safety glasses/goggles, face shields, and long sleeve T-shirts, and other measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace, as provided in these Guidelines.
9. For off-site employees' quarters, transport service, duly disinfected before and after use, shall be provided, and social distancing shall likewise be observed therein at all times in accordance with DOTr guidelines.
10. Sharing of construction and office equipment is discouraged. However, if necessary, the shared equipment must be disinfected in between transfers amongst personnel.
11. All material and equipment delivery and disposal shall be conducted by a specific team of personnel on an isolated loading/unloading zone while limiting contact with the delivery/disposal personnel. All material and/or equipment entering the construction site shall be duly disinfected as much as possible.
12. Non-essential personnel, visitors, and the general public shall be restricted to enter the construction site, employees' quarters, and field offices. Otherwise, all personnel entering the construction site premises on a temporary basis (e.g.

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delivery truck drivers, inspectors, etc.) shall be properly logged and checked for symptoms. Gatherings, liquors, and/or merry-making are strictly prohibited within the construction site premises.

13. Clustered and staggered deployment of employees within the construction site shall be observed to minimize personnel contact and for easier contact tracing.

14. Proper waste disposal shall be provided for infectious waste such as PPEs and other waste products coming from outside the construction premises.

Section 14. ESTABLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES ALLOWED TO OPERATE.

Except as otherwise provided below, all permitted establishments and activities under Categories I, II, and III of Section 4(6) of the IATF Omnibus Guidelines dated May 22, 2020 and those in previous Sections of the said Guidelines, shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity:

- a. Barber shops, salons, and other personal care service establishments, at a maximum of 75% operational capacity;
- b. Dine-in restaurants, fast food and food retail establishments, including those in supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments, at a maximum of 75% venue capacity.
- c. Category IV and all other establishments not permitted to operate under previous Sections of the IATF Guidelines, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity. However, for hotels and other accommodation establishments, only those accredited as provided by law and relevant DOT and DILG issuances may operate, and only upon issuance of a Certificate of Authority to Operate or Provisional Certificate of Authority to Operate by the DOT. For this purpose, DOT and DILG shall work with LGUs to ensure compliance of accommodation establishments.

Section 15. RULES ON THE OBSERVANCE OF *UNDAS* SEASON.

Pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 72 Series of 2020, the following rules shall govern all activities relating to the observance of *Undas* season in all private and public cemeteries, and memorial parks, including columbariums and the like in the province until November 15, 2020:

1. The number of visitors shall be limited to a maximum of thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity, with the wearing of face masks and face shields, and the observance of social distancing;
2. All private and public cemeteries, and memorial parks, including columbariums and the like throughout the province shall be closed to visitors from October 29 to November 4, 2020. Provided, that, the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine shall continue to govern burial and cremation activities during the said period; and
3. Age restrictions shall not apply to visitors of the aforementioned places.

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Section 16. DUTY OF EVERY MUNICIPALITY TO ESTABLISH A QUARANTINE/ISOLATION FACILITY.

It shall be the duty of every Municipal LGU in this province to establish a quarantine/isolation facility within their locality which shall serve as a temporary facility for Locally-Stranded Individuals (LSIs), Repatriated Overseas Filipinos, Authorized Persons Outside Residence, and other persons in the province who are required to undergo facility quarantine. In this facility, these persons shall be regularly monitored by the MHO and its staff and/or BHERT members within the fourteen (14) day quarantine period. It shall be the duty of the concerned Municipal LGU to ensure that appropriate health protocols and physical distancing measures are observed inside the facility.

Section 17. DUTY OF THE MUNICIPAL LGU's, THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL PNP AND PUNONG BARANGAYS, TO IMPLEMENT CURFEW AND PROHIBITION ON MINORS AND SENIOR CITIZENS TO GO OUTSIDE THEIR RESIDENCES.

It shall be the duty of the Municipal LGUs, through their Municipal PNP and Punong Barangays, to implement curfew hours for non-workers from 8 o'clock in the evening up to 5 o'clock in the morning in accordance with SP Special Ordinance No. 13 Series of 2020 and the prohibition on minors, senior citizens and those with health risks to go outside their residences subject to exceptions. In relation thereto, appropriate charges shall be filed against those persons who will violate these measures.

Section 18. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND GUIDELINES BEING ENFORCED BY THE LGUs.

It shall be the duty of the concerned Municipal DILG to monitor whether the LGUs within their jurisdiction are implementing policies and guidelines relative to COVID-19 in accordance with the guidelines issued by the IATF, National Government Agencies and the Provincial Government. Municipal LGUs that seek to implement policies and guidelines not expressly provided for by the IATF, National Government Agencies and the Provincial Government's Issuances shall first seek the approval of the Provincial Task Force Against COVID-19 prior to its implementation for a harmonized and cohesive implementation of policies in the province.

Implementation of policies and guidelines that are contrary to or inconsistent with the issuances of the IATF, National Government Agencies and the Provincial Government shall warrant the institution of appropriate criminal action and/or the filing of appropriate administrative charges against the erring local chief executive.

Section 19. PRESENCE OF PNP AND PHO AND/OR MHO PERSONNEL IN DIFFERENT ENTRY POINTS AND BORDERS OF THE PROVINCE.

There shall still be the presence of the PNP and Provincial Health Office (PHO) and/or Municipal Health Office (MHO) personnel in different entry points and borders of the province to monitor and ensure that only those persons who are authorized, asymptomatic and with medical health clearance and/or negative COVID-19 results are allowed entry to the province.



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Section 20. ENFORCEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING MEASURES.

The Province and its Municipal LGUs shall observe strict enforcement of the following measures:

- a.) Minimum public health standards, especially uniform implementation in high-risk areas such as healthcare settings, wet markets, supermarkets, government offices, and workplaces, among others;
- b.) Localized community quarantine and availability of identified quarantine facilities in priority/critical areas with community transmission, including private and public establishments, with concurrence of the RIATF;
- c.) Immediate facility-based isolation of all returning citizens, suspect, and probable cases;
- d.) Scaling up of local health system capacity, especially for community isolation and critical care, including dedicated mechanical ventilators, ICU, isolation, and ward beds for COVID-19 cases;
- e.) Submission of complete and accurate data through COVID-Kaya and DOH DataCollect.

Section 21. PROVISIONS OF OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ADOPTED.

Guidelines for interzonal and intrazonal movement and the General Provisions as provided under Sections 7 and 8 of the IATF Omnibus Guidelines and its all other provisions are hereby adopted insofar as these are applicable to the implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ).

Section 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.


Section 23. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations issued by this province which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

Section 24. EFFECTIVITY.

This ORDER shall take effect from October 1, 2020 until October 31, 2020 unless earlier repealed or extended by another issuance.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 1st day of October 2020.


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor

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