EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.<u>7-C</u> Series of 2021

AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7-B SERIES OF 2021 BY EXEMPTING FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF A NEGATIVE RT-PCR TEST RESULT FOR PURPOSES OF TRAVEL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 1021 Series of 2020 on September 16, 2020 extending the period of State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) issued Resolution No. 101 dated February 26, 2021 approving the uniform travel protocols for land, air and sea of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, crafted in close coordination with the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, League of Provinces of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines and the League of Cities of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, IATF Resolution No. 101 enjoins all local government units to ensure smooth implementation of these uniform travel protocols;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro issued Executive Order No. 7 Series of 2021 on March 6, 2021 entitled "An Order Adopting the Uniform Travel Protocols for Land, Air and Sea Embodied in IATF Resolution No. 101 to be Implemented in the Province of Occidental Mindoro" which was further amended by Executive Order No. 7-A Series of 2021. Another amendment was introduced through Executive Order No. 7-B by requiring Non-Occidental Mindoro truckers to present a negative RT-PCR test result upon their entry to the province;

WHEREAS, in view of the issuance of IATF Resolution Nos. 124-B and 125 Series of 2021 providing for and clarifying the protocols for fully vaccinated individuals, there is an imperative need to promulgate this Executive Order to exempt fully vaccinated individuals from the requirement of a negative RT-PCR Test Result for purposes of travel into, outside or within the province of Occidental Mindoro.

NOW THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the **AMENDMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7-B SERIES OF 2021,** as follows:

Section 1. COVERAGE.

This Executive Order shall cover all persons traveling to and from the province of Occidental Mindoro whether by land, air or sea. These persons may be classified either as Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs) or ordinary travelers. APORs are those persons traveling on official business. On the other hand, ordinary travelers are those persons traveling for personal purposes.

Section 2. MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS.

Minimum public health standards, which include physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and wearing of face masks and face shields among others, shall be strictly implemented in the province of Occidental Mindoro.

Clinical and exposure assessment shall be strictly implemented in all ports of entry and exit to ensure that only asymptomatic, non-close contact individuals are allowed to travel or enter the local government unit of destination. Health assessment of passengers, supervised by medical doctors, shall be mandatory upon entry in the port/terminal and exit at point of destination.

Section 3. FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUAL.

In accordance with IATF Resolution No. 124-B Series of 2021, an individual shall be considered as having been fully vaccinated for COVID-19:

- More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received the second dose in a 2dose series, or
- ii. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received a single-dose vaccine.
- iii. The vaccines administered to the individual are included in any of the following:
 - Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; or
 - 2. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.

Section 4. PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR PERSONS TRAVELING TO THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO.

a) Prior to travel

Prior to travel to the province, travelers are required to have prior coordination with the LGU of destination through online registration at least seventy two (72) hours prior to the date of travel. They are also required to secure a negative RT-PCR Test Result except fully vaccinated individuals as per IATF Resolution Nos. 124-B and 125 and those persons exempted therein as enumerated in Section 7 of this Executive Order. Accordingly, travelers must register with S-PASS and upload the following required documents at least seventy two (72) hours prior to the date of travel, to wit:

1. Negative RT-PCR Test Result or COVID-19 domestic vaccination card duly issued by a legitimate vaccinating establishment/authority whether local or foreign or certificate of quarantine completion showing the holder's vaccination status as may be issued by the Bureau of Quarantine, whichever is applicable;

2. In cases where the document uploaded is a vaccination card, a Certification from the vaccinating establishment/authority that the holder has completed his/her vaccination, bearing its contact details and with attached official receipt, must also be uploaded and submitted.

A Travel Coordination Permit (TCP) generated from an approved S-PASS must be presented to the concerned LGU team stationed in the different entry points in the province.

APORs from national government agencies and their attached agencies must, prior to their travel to the province, coordinate with the local counterpart of their agency in the province or with the LGU of destination. The concerned local counterpart shall be in charge in coordinating the APOR's arrival to the LGU of destination's repatriation cluster. These APORs are not required to secure a negative RT-PCR Test Result prior to their entry to the province.

b) Upon entry to the province

Travelers and APOR's shall present *Travel Coordination Permit (TCP)* generated from an approved S-PASS and undergo health and exposure assessment at the different entry points of the province to be conducted by the personnel of the concerned LGU, as follows:

MATABANG PORT/ABRA DE ILOG PORT

Travelers and APORs bound to the municipality of Abra de Ilog shall proceed to LGU Abra de Ilog Repatriation Desk for health and exposure assessment.

Travelers and APORs bound to other destination shall undergo health and exposure assessment by the help/assistance desk personnel of the Provincial Government.

ii. SAN JOSE AIRPORT/ CAMINAWIT PORT

All arriving travelers and APORs bound to the municipality of San Jose shall undergo health and exposure assessment to be conducted by the personnel of LGU San Jose RHU with the assistance of MDRRMO.

In Caminawit Port, travelers and APORs bound to other destination shall undergo health and exposure assessment by the help/assistance desk personnel of the Provincial Government.

iii. MAGSAYSAY BORDER

Travelers and APORs bound to the municipality of Magsaysay shall proceed to LGU Magsaysay Repatriation Desk for health and exposure assessment.

Travelers and APORs bound to other destination shall undergo health and exposure assessment by the help/assistance desk personnel of the Provincial Government.

iv. LUBANG/TILIK PORT

All arriving travelers and APORs shall undergo health and exposure assessment to be conducted by the personnel of LGU Lubang RHU with the assistance of MDRRMO.

v. LOOC PORT

All arriving travelers and APORs shall undergo health and exposure assessment to be conducted by the personnel of LGU Looc RHU with the assistance of MDRRMO.

c) Travelers found to be symptomatic after health and exposure assessment

All travelers and APORs who are found to be symptomatic, *regardless of vaccination status*, after health and exposure assessment shall undergo mandatory quarantine in the quarantine/isolation facility of the LGU of destination.

Section 5. COVID-19 TESTING AND QUARANTINE.

In general, a negative RT-PCR Test Result is required for travelers prior to their entry to the province except *fully vaccinated individuals as per IATF Resolution Nos. 124-B and 125 and* those travelers exempted therein as enumerated in Section 7 of this Executive Order. The RT-PCR Test Result is valid only for *seventy two (72)* hours from its release or issuance. RT-PCR may either be through swab or saliva testing. Antigen Test and all other tests will not be allowed.

No traveler or APOR shall be required to undergo quarantine unless he/she shall exhibit symptoms upon health and exposure assessment at the different entry points of the province.

Section 6. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTBOUND AND INBOUND TRAVELERS.

Travel authority (issued by JTF-COVID Shield of the PNP) and medical clearance certificate are no longer required for travelers and APORs entering the province as well as for those traveling outside the province (outbound travelers).

a. OUTBOUND TRAVELERS

Outbound travelers who will be returning to the province are required to upload to the S-PaSS the documents specified hereunder:

- 1. Authorized Persons Outside Residence (government officials and employees on official business) are required to secure and upload to the S-PaSS the travel order issued by government agencies to its officials and employees and a valid ID;
- Non-Vaccinated individuals (including government employees who are on non-official business) are required to secure and upload to the S-PaSS the following:
 - i. a travel permit from their LGU of origin;
 - a negative RT-PCR Test Result if they return beyond seventy two (72) hours from the time they left the province.
- 3. Fully Vaccinated Individuals who will be returning to the province are required to secure and upload to the S-PaSS the following:
 - i. A travel permit from their LGU of origin;
 - ii. a COVID-19 domestic vaccination card duly issued by a legitimate vaccinating establishment/authority whether local or foreign and a certification from the vaccinating establishment/authority that the holder has completed his/her vaccination, bearing its contact details and with attached official receipt, or certificate of quarantine completion showing the holder's vaccination status as may be issued by the Bureau of Quarantine. Provided however, that fully vaccinated outbound travelers shall return within 7 days from the time they left the province, otherwise, they will be required to undergo homecare for 7 days under the supervision and monitoring of concerned MHO personnel or BHERT members.

b. INBOUND TRAVELERS

Inbound travelers are required to register with S-PaSS and upload/submit the documents enumerated in Section 4 (a) and follow the procedure stated in Section 4 of this Executive Order.

Fully vaccinated inbound travelers who are returning residents will be required to undergo homecare for 7 days under the supervision and monitoring of concerned MHO personnel or BHERT members.

Section 7. PERSONS EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF NEGATIVE RT-PCR TEST RESULT.

The following persons are exempted from the requirement of negative RT-PCR Test Result:

- APORs from national government agencies and their attached agencies as per IATF Resolution No. 98-A;
- ii. Local Government officials or employees, if their travel is for official business. Outbound government employees are also exempted from the requirement even if their return to the province is beyond 72 hours provided that the travel is for official business and within the duration indicated in the travel order;
- iii. Returning patients and their watchers (maximum of two (2) watchers which shall be listed in the travel permit). Those in excess of two (2) shall be required to present a negative RT-PCR Test Result. However, these returning patients and their watchers must present medical proof that the patient sought medical treatment outside the province. Also, they are encouraged to undergo voluntary homecare for 10 days with regular monitoring from the concerned Municipal Health Office personnel or BHERT members.

Accordingly, if they are amenable to undergo voluntary homecare, they shall execute an undertaking that they are willing and voluntarily submitting themselves to voluntary homecare. For this purpose, there must be a proper coordination with the receiving LGUs to ensure that regular monitoring shall be done by the concerned MHO personnel or BHERT members.

- iv. Outpatients who seek medical consult or treatment outside the province and one companion. However, if their return to the province is beyond seventy two (72) hours, they shall also upload/present medical records justifying their return for more than seventy two (72) hours.
- v. Outbound travelers (residents and government employees on personal travel) who returned to the province within seventy two (72) hours from the time they left the province.
- vi. Fully vaccinated individuals as per IATF Resolution Nos. 124-B and 125 Series of 2021.

APORs from national government agencies and their attached agencies must provide their identification card, travel order, and travel itinerary, and must pass symptom-screening at points of entry and exit in the province pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 98-A issued on February 4, 2021.

Section 8. REQUIREMENTS FOR CARGO TRUCK DRIVERS AND HELPERS TRAVELING TO THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO.

- a. The requirements for cargo truck drivers and helpers intending to travel to the Province of Occidental Mindoro are, as follows:
 - For Occidental Mindoro Truckers- a negative RT-PCR Test Result, the test
 of which should be undertaken at least once a month;
 For non-Occidental Mindoro Truckers who shall do business in the
 province (like buying farm produce) or shall make a delivery within the
 province- a negative RT-PCR Test Result which is valid for seventy two
 (72) hours from its release or issuance;

However, truckers who are fully vaccinated are exempted from the requirement of a negative RT-PCR Test Result. Instead, they may upload/ present a COVID-19 domestic vaccination card duly issued by a legitimate vaccinating establishment/authority whether local or foreign and a Certification from the vaccinating establishment/authority that the holder has completed his/her vaccination, bearing its contact details and with attached official receipt.

- Pertinent business permit (for non-Occidental Mindoro truckers who shall do business in the province);
- Food lane conduct pass and its pertinent papers.
- b. Cargo truck drivers and helpers shall undergo health and exposure assessment upon their arrival at the entry points of the province;
- Cargo truck drivers and helpers cannot be subjected to quarantine as long as they are asymptomatic;
- d. Only one (1) driver and a maximum of three (3) helpers per cargo truck are allowed entry into the province. Any other persons in excess of this number shall not be allowed entry to the province. This also applies to any vehicle bearing food lane conduct pass.
- e. After unloading of cargoes at the final destination, cargo truck drivers and helpers (of Occidental Mindoreňo truckers) are encouraged to stay in a temporary shelter provided by the employer or operator. They will be allowed to leave the temporary shelter when they are scheduled for another trip outside the province. During their stay in the shelter, the MHO and/or the concerned BHERT member shall regularly monitor them for any sign or symptom of COVID-19 infection.

Section 9. RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS.

The requirements for Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who arrived in the country and intending to travel to the province of Occidental Mindoro are, as follows:

- a. Negative RT-PCR Test Result or COVID-19 domestic vaccination card duly issued by a legitimate vaccinating establishment/authority whether local or foreign or certificate of quarantine completion showing the holder's vaccination status as may be issued by the Bureau of Quarantine or Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) validations as proof of vaccination status of OFWs and their spouse, children and/or parent/s traveling with them;
- b. Quarantine Clearance issued by the Bureau of Quarantine, if applicable;

Section 10. INTRAZONAL MOVEMENT OF FULLY VACCINATED SENIOR CITIZENS.

The intrazonal movement of fully vaccinated senior citizens within areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) shall continue to be allowed subject to the presentation of (i) a COVID-19 domestic vaccination card duly issued by a legitimate vaccinating establishment/authority whether local or foreign; or (ii) certificate of quarantine completion showing the holder's vaccination status as may be issued by the Bureau of Quarantine, whichever is applicable. Provided that strict observance of minimum public health standards shall continue.

Section 11. MOVEMENT OF CHILDREN.

The municipal local government units concerned have the discretion whether or not to allow children five (5) years old and above to go to outdoor areas only within their respective municipalities which are under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) and General Community Quarantine (GCQ) except those areas under heightened restrictions as concurred upon by RIATF, provided that the child is supervised by adult/s and is in observance of minimum public health standards such as the wearing of face masks and social distancing. Moreover, municipal local government units may also increase the above age restriction of children depending on the COVID-19 situation in their respective jurisdictions.

Outdoor areas are those that allow free air movement from all directions and may be covered by a roof, supported by posts, and not surrounded by walls and shall be limited to the following:

- i. Parks
- ii. Playgrounds
- iii. Beaches
- iv. Biking and hiking trails
- v. Outdoor tourist sites and attractions as may be defined by the Department of Tourism
- vi. Outdoor non-contact sports courts and venues, and
- vii. Al fresco dining establishments in the above-listed areas.

These outdoor areas shall not include mixed-use indoor/outdoor buildings, facilities, such as malls and similar establishments.

Section 12. LGU'S DISCRETION.

If for whatever means, a traveler who lacks any of the required documents was able to travel and arrive at any of the entry points of the province, the Municipal LGU of destination has the discretion to decide on the acceptance of the said traveler in their area of jurisdiction.

Section 13. FORGED AND/OR FALSIFIED VACCINATION CARDS.

Any individual who shall present forged and/or falsified vaccination cards shall be dealt with in accordance with law.

Section 14. ZONING CONTAINMENT STRATEGY.

LGUs are reminded to implement Zoning Containment Strategy or localized lockdown of a particular barangay, purok, sitio or building within their area of jurisdiction which has confirmed COVID-19 infection or transmission, upon concurrence of the Regional IATF.

Section 15, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.

The Safe, Swift and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shall be the one-stop-shop application/communication for travelers in Occidental Mindoro.

The StaySafe.ph System shall be utilized as the primary contract tracing system in the province. As such, all government offices, both national and local, are directed to implement and utilize the StaySafe.ph system in their respective premises. Municipalities are also enjoined to require all business establishments within their jurisdiction to utilize the said contact tracing system. Traze App for airports, and such other existing contact tracing applications must be integrated with the StaySafe.ph System following IATF Resolution No. 85 issued on November 25, 2020.

Section 16. PORTS AND TERMINALS.

All ports and terminals in the province shall put in place a referral system wherein travelers who become symptomatic shall be transferred to the quarantine/isolation facilities of their LGU of destination.

San Jose Airport and all ports in the province shall designate a quarantine/isolation facility for symptomatic travellers which shall be temporarily utilized prior to their coordination/transfer to LGU of destination's quarantine facility.

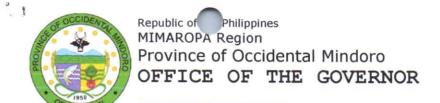
It shall be the duty of the PDRRMO to transport symptomatic travelers to the quarantine/isolation facility of their LGU of destination.

Section 17. 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 18. 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 19. EFFECTIVITY.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 12th day of July 2021.