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**TO :** All Shipping Companies, Shipowners/Bareboat Charterers/Ship Operators/Ship Managers/ Ship Masters of Philippine-Registered Overseas Ships, Licensed Manning Agencies, Filipino Seafarers Onboard, and Other Concerned Entities

**SUBJECT :** CHINESE EMBASSY NOTE VERBALE NO. (20) PG – 224 DATED 15 AUGUST 2020

Pursuant to the Chinese Embassy Note Verbale No. (20) PG – 224 dated 15 August 2020, the Chinese Government requires all seafarers from the Philippines to China, regardless of nationality, to provide negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result undertaken within three (3) days before boarding.


This new guideline has been made in light of the alarming number of Filipino seafarers who tested positive of COVID-19 as of July 2020, when they arrived in China, which poses great challenge to the prevention and control of the pandemic in the said country.

The said guideline likewise aims to ensure the security of maritime transportation and fishery cooperation between China and the Philippines.

Seafarers without such negative testing results may be denied entry to China.

This advisory can be viewed and downloaded at the MARINA website at [www.marina.gov.ph](http://www.marina.gov.ph).

For the information of all concerned.

  
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