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e-Travel Customs System

For a seamless travel clearance, the Philippine Bureau of Customs (BOC) advises all visa applicants and foreign nationals and all returning overseas Filipinos entering the Philippines to comply with the following requirements in line with the implementation of the e-Travel Customs System:

- Arriving and departing passengers should fill-out the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF) and electronic Currencies Declaration Form (e-CDF), as applicable, at the e-Travel website at <https://etravel.gov.ph/> or by downloading the e-GovPH application within 72 hours prior to arrival or departure from the Philippines.
- Upon arrival or before departure, passengers should present their passports to the Immigration Officer for e-Travel registration confirmation, and the QR Code to the Customs Officer for clearance. Paper forms of the CBDF and CDF shall still be made available at the Customs Area for passengers who have failed to access thee-Travel website before arrival into or departure from the Philippines.

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) reiterates its strict implementation of the following rules on cross-border transfer of currencies:

- a. Any person who brings into or takes out of the Philippines, foreign currency in excess of USD10,000.00 or its equivalent, is required to declare the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines in the e-CDF.
- b. For Philippine currency, a person may bring into or take out of the Philippines an amount not exceeding PhP50,000.00. Amounts in excess of the limits shall require: (a) prior written authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP); and (b) declaration of the whole amount in the e-CDF.
- c. The BSP, however, allows cross—border transfer of local currency in excess of the limit only for the following purposes: (a) Testing/calibration/configuration of money counting/sorting machines; (b) Numismatics (collection of currency); and (c) Currency awareness.
- d. False declaration or Non-Declaration of Philippine or Foreign Currencies and monetary instruments will result in confiscation by Customs authorities.