



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE**  
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

**RESOLUTION NO. 44**

Series of 2020

June 8, 2020

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020, to develop a science-based approach in determining the risk-based classification of areas in the country, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) convened a sub-Technical Working Group tasked to develop the LGU Epidemic Response Framework and to define parameters in assessing recent developments in the Philippine COVID-19 situation;

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2020, the Office of the Executive Secretary issued Executive Order (E.O.) No. 112 Imposing an Enhanced Community Quarantine in High-Risk Geographic Areas of the Philippines and a General Community Quarantine in the Rest of The Country from 01 To 15 May 2020, Adopting The Omnibus Guidelines On The Implementation Thereof, And For Other Purposes;

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted to the IATF under E.O. 112, the IATF issued and published amended Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of the Community Quarantine in the Philippines;


**WHEREAS**, as of June 07, 2020, there is a total of Twenty one Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Five (21,895) confirmed cases in the Philippines;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the following:

- A. The recommendation of the Department of Agriculture (DA) to formulate a Joint Memorandum Circular or such other necessary issuances between and among the DA, Department of Trade and Industry, and the Department of the Interior and Local Government which shall strengthen the role of Local Price Coordinating Councils in adopting a whole-of-nation approach to price monitoring, price enforcement, and price adjudication;
- B. In addition to existing potential collaborators of the Philippines on COVID-19 vaccine development and clinical trials, the recommendation of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) to include Sinovac Biotech Ltd. among those for consideration is hereby approved.

Likewise, the Philippine Board of Investments shall form part of the IATF sub-Technical Working Group on Vaccine Development.

**APPROVED** during the 44th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 8th of June 2020 *via* video conference.

  
**FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III**  
Secretary, Department of Health  
IATF Chairperson

  
**KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES**  
Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretary  
IATF Co-Chairperson

## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the designated Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, series of 2014 and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
5. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on 8 JUNE 2020 via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. 44 was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon authority of the IATF Members;
7. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
8. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020, Manila.

  
**KENNETH G. RONQUILLO, MD, MPH**  
Assistant Secretary, Department of Health  
Secretariat Head, IATF