



PACIFIC HUMANITARIAN PATHWAY ON COVID-19 (PHP-C)

COMMON PROTOCOLS ON CLEARANCES FOR AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS TRANSPORTING MEDICAL AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, AND REPATRIATING NATIONALS

Purpose

1. To provide **guidance** for the accordance and timely issuance of diplomatic clearances to State aircraft and ships, and commercial clearances to other aircraft and ships, to facilitate the transportation of medical and humanitarian assistance, technical personnel, and the repatriation of nationals, under the PHP-C.

Application and Scope

2. These protocols:
 - (a) are subject to, and intended to be applied only to the extent permissible under, the laws and policies of Members; and
 - (b) takes into account the UN *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961*.

Guidance to Members

3. The *sending* country and the *receiving* country will communicate and coordinate the required information to facilitate the issuance of a diplomatic or commercial clearance, including through other Forum countries en-route.
4. The *sending* country will provide the required information to the *receiving* country, including other Forum countries en-route, through Diplomatic Note (for state aircraft and ships) or regular commercial channels (for other aircraft and ships).
5. The *receiving* country will endeavor to prioritise requests for diplomatic or commercial clearances under the PHP-C, including processing of requests within 48 hours of receipt, conditional on all the required information being provided.
6. The *sending* country will make arrangements for all required clearances through other Member's airspace or territorial waters.
7. Members will endeavor to facilitate the movement of aircraft or ships through their airspace or territorial waters, upon request, and process the necessary clearances in alignment with these protocols.

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