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**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

14 December 2023

**MEMORANDUM**  
**No. 160, s. 2023**

**FOR : PCG, BFAR, DILG, DENR-NAMRIA  
RDRRMCs I and II**

**SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON PRC ROCKET LAUNCH**

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Source: Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)

The People's Republic of China (PRC) is scheduled to launch the LONG MARCH 5 Y6 (CZ-5 Y6) from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in Wenchang, Hainan sometime 15 December 2023, 2133H-2238H, PhST. Parts of this LONG MARCH 5 Y6 (CZ-5 Y6) rocket are expected to drop within the identified drop zone which is approximately 77 NM away from Burgos, Ilocos Norte and 45 NM away from Sta Ana, Cagayan.

The risk of untoward incidents and damage from falling rocket debris within Philippine territory is relatively low. However, PhilSA recommends the following related to marine access out of an abundance of caution from 15 December 2023, 2133H-2238H PhST:

- a) **PCG, BFAR, DILG, and DENR-NAMRIA** are advised to consider temporary restrictions and the issuance of Notice to Mariners, Coastal Navigational Warnings or NAVAREA XI warnings, as applicable, in the identified drop zones to ensure the safety of the public on the waters near the drop zones.
- b) Concerned **Regional DRRMCs** are required to continue monitoring and submit updates on this event.

**The estimated drop zone coordinates are as follows**

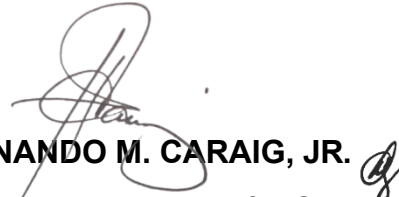
<b>DROP ZONE 1</b>	<b>DROP ZONE 2</b>
<b>19 18 00N 122 59 00E</b>	<b>19 37 00N 118 23 00E</b>
<b>19 13 00N 123 57 00E</b>	<b>19 34 00N 119 27 00E</b>
<b>18 45 00N 123 55 00E</b>	<b>19 06 00N 119 25 00E</b>
<b>18 50 00N 122 57 00E</b>	<b>19 09 00N 118 21 00E</b>
<b>19 18 00N 122 59 00E</b>	<b>19 37 00N 118 23 00E</b>

PhilSA cautions everyone against retrieving or coming in close proximity to these materials to minimize risk from remnants of toxic substances such as rocket fuel. Personnel protective equipment (PPE) is recommended when contact with the debris is necessary.

The public is advised to immediately inform local authorities of any suspected debris sighted at sea or land.

For guidance and strict compliance.

For the Executive Director, NDRRMC:



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