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MEMORANDUM
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**FOR : PCG, BFAR, DILG, DENR-NAMRIA
RDRRMC MIMAROPA**

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON PRC ROCKET LAUNCH

Source: Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)

The People's Republic of China is scheduled to launch the Long March 7 from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in Wenchang, Hainan sometime between 2100H-2400H on 15-20 January 2024. Parts of this Long March 7 rocket are expected to drop within the disclosed Drop zone area which is approximately 43 NM (DZ 1), 35 NM (DZ 2), 41 NM (DZ 3) away from Bajo de Masinloc.

The risk of untoward incidents and damage from falling rocket debris within Philippine territory is relatively low. However, the following actions are recommended related to Marine Access out of an abundance of caution between 2100H-2400H on 15-20 January 2024:

- 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 **RDRRMC MIMAROPA** is required to continue monitoring and submit updates on this event.

The estimated drop zone coordinates are as follows

DROP ZONE 1	DROP ZONE 2	DROP ZONE 1
13 55 00N 117 13 00E	15 25 00N 115 37 00E	14 24 00N 116 45 00E
14 28 00N 117 43 00E	14 57 00N 117 03 00E	14 53 00N 117 10 00E
13 59 00N 118 17 00E	14 57 00N 117 03 00E	14 27 00N 117 41 00E
13 26 00N 117 47 00E	14 32 00N 116 41 00E	14 32 00N 116 41 00E

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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