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



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 3B/E from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan sometime between 0937H-1023H on 09 May 2024. Parts of this Long March 3B/E rocket are expected to drop within the disclosed drop zone area which is approximately 28 NM away from Rozul Reef and 38 NM away from Patag Island. However, from the disclosed drop zone, rocket debris are not projected to fall over any land feature or inhabited area within the Philippine territory. Nevertheless, there is still danger and potential risk of damage to ships, fishing boats, and other vessels that will pass through the drop zone of the falling rocket debris. There is also a possibility that the remaining rocket debris may float around the area and may wash towards the nearby coasts in the future.

In this connection, the following actions are recommended related to Marine Access out of an abundance of caution between 0937H-1023H on 09 May 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 and summary of information are as follows

DROP ZONE 1	DROP ZONE 2	DROP ZONE 3
<i>Outside Manila Flight Information Region (FIR)</i>	<i>Outside Manila Flight Information Region (FIR)</i>	11 50 00N 116 48 00E
		11 06 00N 117 21 00E
		10 39 00N 116 45 00E
		11 24 00N 116 11 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.

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