



MEMORANDUM

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

**SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON ROCKET LAUNCH OF THE LONG
 MARCH 3B/E BY THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

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 0858H - 0938H on 19 September 2024. Parts of this Long March 3B/E rocket are expected to drop within the identified drop zone which is approximately 55 NM away from Patag Island and 68 NM away from Rozul Reef.

In this connection, the following actions are recommended related to Marine Access out of an abundance of caution between 0858H - 0938H on 19 September 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.
- 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	DROP ZONE 4
OUTSIDE Manila Flight Information Region (FIR)	OUTSIDE Manila Flight Information Region (FIR)	OUTSIDE Manila Flight Information Region (FIR)	12 10 00N 116 31 00E 11 44 00N 115 56 00E 12 27 00N 115 22 00E 12 54 00N 115 57 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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