



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

**SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON ROCKET LAUNCH OF THE LONG
 MARCH 8A BY THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Source: Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)

I. LONG MARCH 8A

The People's Republic of China is scheduled to launch the Long March 8A from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in Wenchang, Hainan sometime between **1700H-2100H on 25 – 27 January 2025**. Parts of this Long March 8A rocket are expected to drop within the identified drop zone which is approximately 106 NM (DZ 1) away from Rozul Reef, and 34 NM (DZ 2) away from Puerto Princesa, Palawan and 39 NM (DZ 3) away from Hadji Muhtamad, Basilan.

The estimated drop zone coordinates and summary of information are as follows:

DROP ZONE 1	DROP ZONE 2	DROP ZONE 3
N11 49 E117 03	N10 14 E118 09	N06 49 E120 52
N12 31 E116 29	N11 03 E117 31	N07 41 E120 12
N12 51 E116 55	N11 29 E118 06	N08 00 E120 39
N12 08 E117 29	N10 40 E118 44	N07 08 E121 18

In this connection, the following actions are recommended related to Marine Access out of an abundance of caution between the abovementioned dates:

- 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 **RDRRMCs MIMAROPA and BARMM** are required to continue monitoring and submit updates on this event.

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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