



**MEMORANDUM**  
**No. 21, s. 2025**

22 JAN 2025

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

**SUBJECT : UPDATE ON THE 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**

This memorandum serves as an update to NDRRMC Memorandum No. 14, s. 2025, regarding the advisory on the scheduled rocket launch of the Long March 8A by the People's Republic of China.

Based on the latest advisory, the People's Republic of China is now scheduled to launch the Long March 8A from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in Wenchang, Hainan on **25 January 2025** sometime between **1753H to 1842H**, with **changes in the drop zones**. Parts of this Long March 8A rocket are expected to drop within the identified drop zones which is approximately 85 NM (DZ 1) away from Rozul Reef, 40 NM (DZ 2) away from Puerto Princesa, Palawan, and 33 NM (DZ 3) away from Hadji Muhtamad, Basilan.

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

<b>DROP ZONE 1</b>	<b>DROP ZONE 2</b>	<b>DROP ZONE 3</b>
<b>N11 54 E116 48</b>	<b>N10 19 E117 52</b>	<b>N06 44 E120 37</b>
<b>N12 38 E116 14</b>	<b>N11 10 E117 13</b>	<b>N07 36 E119 59</b>
<b>N12 58 E116 40</b>	<b>N11 36 E117 49</b>	<b>N07 04 E120 39</b>
<b>N12 14 E117 14</b>	<b>N10 45 E118 28</b>	<b>N07 01 E120 44</b>

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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