



MEMORANDUM
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**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. 35, 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 **11 February 2025**, between **1722H to 1816H**, with **changes in the drop zones**. Parts of this Long March 8A rocket are anticipated 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:

DROP ZONE 1	DROP ZONE 2	DROP ZONE 3
N11 54 E116 48	N10 19 E117 52	N06 44 E120 37
N12 38 E116 14	N11 10 E117 14	N07 36 E119 59
N12 58 E116 40	N11 13 E117 49	N07 55 E120 26
N12 14 E117 14	N10 45 E118 28	N07 04 E121 03

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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