

New measures for border enforcement (15)
(new designated countries/regions in response to coronavirus variants
of special concern on border measures and others)

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1 Designated countries/regions in response to coronavirus variants of special concern on border measures

Taking such elements as situations of community-acquired infections caused by coronavirus variants of special concern on border measures in each country/region, the number of persons newly infected with coronavirus in each country/region, recent positive ratio of the COVID-19 test during the quarantine inspection at the Japanese airports, among others into account, and judged from a comprehensive risk assessment of inflow of the mentioned coronavirus variants from each country/region, the following additional measures will be implemented as designated countries/regions in response to coronavirus variants of special concern on border measures; according to separate designation based on this measure.

(1) All cross-border travelers and returnees from those countries/regions which are designated separately are requested, for the time being, to stay during 10 days at facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station (limited only to those facilities secured by the Quarantine Station). In addition, those who obtain negative results of all COVID-19 tests conducted on the third, sixth and tenth days from the entry into Japan, may leave the facilities, but are still required to stay for the remaining period of 14 days after the entry into Japan at places such as their own residence.

Among those foreign nationals, the re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence from those countries/regions will be denied, for the time being, unless in case of special exceptional circumstances.

(2) All cross-border travelers and returnees from those countries/regions which are designated separately are requested, for the time being, to stay during 6 days at facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station (limited only to those facilities secured by the Quarantine Station). In addition, those who obtain negative results of all COVID-19 tests conducted on the third and sixth days from the entry into Japan may leave the facilities, but are still required to stay for the remaining period of 14 days after the entry into Japan at places such as their own residence.

Among those foreign nationals, the re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence from those countries/regions will be denied, for the time being, unless in case of special exceptional circumstances.

- (3) All cross-border travelers and returnees from those countries/regions which are designated separately are requested, for the time being, to stay during 3 days at facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station (limited only to those facilities secured by the Quarantine Station). In addition, those who obtain negative results of all COVID-19 tests conducted on the third day from the entry into Japan may leave the facilities, but are still required to stay for the remaining period of 14 days after the entry into Japan at places such as their own residence.

2 Designated countries/regions in response to coronavirus infection except for those designated for coronavirus variants of special concern

With regard to countries/regions other than the designated countries/regions based on the above 1, taking those elements such as the number of persons newly infected with coronavirus in each country/region, recent positive ratio of the COVID-19 test during the quarantine inspection at the Japanese airports, among others into account, and judged from a comprehensive risk assessment of inflow of the coronavirus from each country/region, all cross-border travelers and returnees from countries/regions judged with the high risk of inflow of the coronavirus are requested, for the time being, to stay 3 days at facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station (limited only to those facilities secured by the Quarantine Station) as designates countries/regions in response to coronavirus infection except for those designated for coronavirus variants of special concern, according to separate designation based on this measure. In addition, those who obtain negative results of all COVID-19 tests conducted on the third day from the entry into Japan may leave the facilities, but are still required to stay for the remaining period of 14 days after the entry into Japan at places such as their own residence.

(Note 1) Coronavirus variants of special concern on border measures include variants with special concern due to their high infectivity compared with other variants or those with the risk of vaccine efficacy reduction. Designation and removal of countries/regions is to be published whenever the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan confirm.

(Note 2) With regard to designated countries/regions based on the above, whenever the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan confirm, Designation and removal of countries/regions subject to those measures, as well as modification of details is to be published.

(Note 3) The aforementioned measures are subject to persons who have stayed in the designated countries/regions within 14 days before the day of return to Japan or the day of application for landing on Japan.

(Note 4) The aforementioned measures will be applied from 0:00am (JST) on July 1, 2021. Up to that time, the designations and measures for countries/regions for community-acquired transmission of coronavirus variants of concern based on “New measures for border enforcement (8)” (February 2, 2021), the designation and measures for designated countries/regions with the coronavirus variant (B.1.617) based on “New measures for border enforcement (13)” (May 18, 2021) and “New measures for border enforcement (14)” (May 25, 2021) will remain in effect.

(Note 5) Due to the implementation of the aforementioned measures, all following designation and measures will be suspended; “New measures for border enforcement (3)” (December 25, 2020), “3 enforcement of quarantine measures” of the “New measures for border enforcement (4)” (December 26, 2020), designations and measures for countries/regions for community-acquired transmission of coronavirus variants of concern based on “New measures for border enforcement (8)” (February 2, 2021), and designations and measures for designated countries/regions with the coronavirus variant (B.1.617) based on “New measures for border enforcement (13)” (May 18, 2021) and “New measures for border enforcement (14)” (May 25, 2021).

(Note 6) Based on the above, with regard to countries/regions designated on and after June 29, 2021, the stay at facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station will be implemented from 0:00am (JST) three days after the designation, and the denial of landing in principle for the re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence will be implemented from 0:00am (JST) two days after the designation. In addition, with regard to the modification of the designation or the removal of designation based on the above, the modification or the removal of designation related to the stay at facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station will be implemented from 0:00am (JST) three days after the

publication, and the modification or removal of the designation related to the denial of landing in principle for the re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence will be implemented from 0:00am (JST) two days after the publication.

(Note 7) Except for the designation for Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka on June 28, 2021, the denial of landing in principle for the re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence based on the above will not be applied to those who will depart those countries/regions before 0:00am (JST) the two days after the designation and arrive in Japan after this time.

(Note 8) The denial of landing in principle for the re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence based on the above, foreign nationals with the status of residence of "Permanent Resident", "Spouse or Child of a Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident" or "Long Term Resident", who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by the day following the designation after the designation and intent to re-enter Japan from those countries/regions, are treated, in principle, as persons in special exceptional circumstances. Note that those who have departed Japan on and after two days of the designation will not be subject to this exception. Foreign nationals with the status of "Special Permanent Resident" are not within the scope of this entry ban.

Please also note that re-entry from India, Nepal and Pakistan, foreign nationals with the status of residence of "Permanent Resident", "Spouse or Child of a Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident" or "Long Term Resident", who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by 13 May, 2021, are treated, in principle, as persons with special exceptional circumstances. In the same way, in case of re-entry from Bangladesh and Maldives, who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by 19 May, 2021, as well as re-entry from Sri Lanka, who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by 20 May, 2021, and re-entry from Afghanistan, who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by 2 June 2021 are treated, in principle, as persons with special exceptional circumstances

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