

# Border enforcement measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

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## 1. Denial of permission to entry

For the time being, foreign nationals categorized below are denied permission to enter Japan as ones who fall under the Article 5, paragraph (1), item (xiv) of Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, unless exceptional circumstances are found.

### **(1) Foreigners who have stayed in any of the following countries/regions/cities/provinces within 14 days prior to the application for landing:**

Note that foreigners who will arrive in Japan with a flight via any of those 87 countries or regions which are subject to denial of permission to entry, with a purpose of refueling or transit, will be denied to enter Japan in principle.

This will apply regardless of whether they have entered those countries or regions. Foreigners from the countries and regions, where visa restrictions (suspension of visa validity or suspension of visa exemption measures) do not apply, will also be subject to entry bans if transiting through the 87 countries or regions.

#### **Asia**

Brunei, China, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Viet Nam

#### **Oceania**

Australia, New Zealand

#### **North America**

Canada, United States of America

#### **Latin America and the Caribbean**

Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Saint Christopher and Nevis

## **Europe**

Albania, Andorra, Armenia. Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, Vatican

## **Middle East**

Bahrain, Israel, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

## **Africa**

Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Mauritius, Morocco

### **(2) Foreigners who have Chinese passports issued in Hubei Province or Zhejiang Province of China**


### **(3) Foreigners who were on the cruise ship Westerdam, departed from Hong Kong**

Note: In the following cases, foreigners with the status of residence of "Permanent Resident", "Spouse or Child of Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of Permanent Resident" or "Long Term Resident" (note: "Long Term Resident" is a legal term for the status of residence. It should not be confused with other status of residence with long term stay permission.) are treated in principle as persons in special circumstances, therefore they could enter Japan from the countries or regions subject to entry bans.

1. Foreigners with the aforementioned status of residence who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by April 2, 2020.

2. Foreigners with the aforementioned status of residence who had departed Japan with Re-entry Permission between April 3 and April 28, 2020, and then have stayed only in the following 14 countries newly added to the entry-ban measures on April 29. Please note that foreigners who had left Japan during the said period, with a re-entry permission, who have also visited the remaining 73 countries and regions on top of the aforementioned 14 countries are in principle subject to entry bans.

United Arab Emirates, Antigua and Barbuda, Ukraine, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Djibouti, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Dominican Republic, Barbados, Belarus, Peru, Russia

For further information, please see the following [website \(Ministry of Justice\)](#) 

## 2. Quarantine measures

(1) All nationals arriving from the countries and regions listed in paragraph 1 above within 14 days prior to their application for landing into Japan are subject to conducting of PCR tests for the time being

(2) All nationals arriving from all regions are called upon to wait 14 days at a location designated by the quarantine station chief and to refrain from using public transportation until the last day of May. (The period may be renewed.)

For further information, please see the following [website \(Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare\)](#) 

## 3. Suspension of visa validity

Validity of visas listed below are suspended until the last day of May (The period may be renewed.).

(1) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 8th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies or Consulates General in China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Republic of Korea

(2) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 20th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General in the following countries

### Europe

Andorra, Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Vatican

### Middle East

Iran

### Africa

Egypt

**(3) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 27th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies and Consulates**

**General in the following countries**

**Asia**

Brunei, Indonesia (note), Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

Note: including seal of "visa waiver registration certificate"

**Middle East**

Bahrain, Israel, Qatar

**Africa**

Democratic Republic of the Congo

**(4) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by April 2nd, 2020, by Japanese Embassies and Consulates**

**General located in or accredited to the following countries and regions**

**Asia**

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste

**Oceania**

Cook, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

**Latin America and the Caribbean**

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentine, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint. Vincent, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

**Europe**

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

**Middle East**

Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates (note), Yemen

Note: including seal of "visa waiver registration certificate"

#### **Africa**

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe,

## **4. Suspension of visa exemption measures**

As visa exemption measures with the countries and regions listed below are temporarily suspended, those who fall under the measures are required to obtain visas before visiting Japan. The measures will be in place until the last day of May (The period may be renewed.).

### **(1) Visa exemption measures agreed with Japan and the following countries and regions**

#### **Asia**

Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

#### **Oceania**

Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon

#### **Latin America and the Caribbean**

Argentine, Bahamas, Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay

#### **Europe**

Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania,

Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Vatican

#### **Middle East**

Israel, Iran, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates

#### **Africa**

Lesotho, Tunisia

**(2) The effect of Pre-Clearances (i.e. visa exemptions) granted by the Japanese Government to APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) issued by the following countries and regions is also suspended.**

Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

## **5. Restrictions on airport/ports for arrival**

- **(1) The Government of Japan restricts arrival airports for passenger flights from China or Republic of Korea to Narita International Airport and Kansai International Airport only and requests the airlines concerned to conform this restriction.**
- **(2) The Government of Japan suspends passenger transportation departing from China or Republic of Korea by vessels and requests related companies to conform this suspension.**
- **(3) Requesting airlines concerned to curb the number of arrival passengers to Japan by such measures as reducing the number of passenger arrival flights in order to ensure the appropriate implementation of quarantine measures. In order to securing smooth return to Japan of Japanese citizens or overseas travelers wishing to return, a proper care, including providing information and sending advisories, will be taken.**
- **(4) The measures will be in place until the last day of May (The period may be renewed.).**