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New measures for border enforcement (19)
Review on restrictions on activities after entering into Japan for persons with a vaccination certificate of COVID-19 and on restrictions on new entry of foreign nationals

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1. Review on restrictions on activities for persons with a valid vaccination certificate of COVID-19 from the fourth day after their entry into Japan

   Among cross-border travelers and returnees from designated countries/regions subject to 1(3) and 2 of New measures for border enforcement (17) (September 17, 2021) or other than those subject to the measures (17), persons who possess a valid vaccination certificate of COVID-19 (validity of which is set forth in New measures for border enforcement (18) (September 27, 2021)), are allowed to engage in activities in accordance with their activity plans (hereinafter referred to as "specific activities") from the fourth day after their entry into Japan to the rest of their home quarantine period in places provided by receiving organizations or their own residence) under the following conditions:

   (i) The persons must be categorized as those under any one of the categories (1) - (4) below
   (ii) Designated application documents, including a written pledge as well as an activity plan must be submitted from a receiving organization located in Japan to an appropriate Ministry or Agency of the Government of Japan (overseeing the business area of the receiving organization in principle. Hereinafter referred to as the "Ministry in charge of the business")
   (iii) The persons must be screened by the Ministry in charge of the business prior to their return or entry into Japan
   (iv) The persons must submit a negative test result of a voluntary PCR test or Quantitative Antigen test (CLEIA) conducted on the third day of their entry into Japan or after to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan

   Furthermore, regarding relatives of the persons who are allowed to engage in the above-mentioned specific activities entering into Japan in the same itinerary with the said persons under the supervision of the same receiving organizations, the relatives are allowed to engage in the specific activities if they fulfill (ii) (iii) and (iv) of the abovementioned requirements. In such cases, the relatives do not need to fall under any one of categories (1)-(4) below.

   (1) Returning Japanese nationals
   (2) Re-entrants with re-entry permits
   (3) Foreign nationals newly entering Japan for a short-term stay (less than three months) for business or working purpose
   (4) Foreign nationals newly entering Japan for a long-term stay whose necessity for eased restrictions is granted by the Ministry in charge of the business

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2. Review on restrictions on new entry of foreign nationals into Japan
   New entry of foreign nationals from all countries and regions is in principle suspended based on New measures for border enforcement (4) 1 (December 26, 2020), unless they fall under special exceptional circumstances. Foreign nationals who apply for the new entry into Japan based on one of the categories (1)-(2) below, however, are allowed in principle to newly enter Japan, considering that they have special exceptional circumstances, under the following conditions:

   (i) Designated application documents, including a written pledge as well as an activity plan, must be submitted from a receiving organization located in Japan to a Ministry in charge of the business
   (ii) The persons must be screened by the Ministry in charge of the business in advance

   (1) Foreign nationals newly entering Japan for a short-term stay (less than three months) for business or working purpose
   (2) Foreign nationals newly entering Japan for a long-term stay

3. Application of the abovementioned measures
   In order to apply for the measures based on the aforementioned 1 and 2, receiving organizations need to submit designated application documents including a written pledge as well as an activity plan to a Ministry in charge of the business, in accordance with an implementation guideline formulated by the Cabinet Secretariat, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and published afterwards, and to pass screening by the Ministry in charge of the business in advance.

   (Note 1) The abovementioned measures will be applied to persons who return or enter Japan from 10:00 am (JST) on November 8, 2021 and who have passed prior screening by a Ministry in charge of the business.

   (Note 2) The abovementioned measure 1 will be applied to those who have stayed only in those countries/regions mentioned at 1 above within 14 days either prior to the date of return to Japan or the date of submitting their application for landing.

   (Note 3) Receiving organizations in the abovementioned measures means such companies or organizations which employ or invite the entrants for their business or entertainment purposes.

   (Note 4) With regard to inquiries and points of contact in relevant Ministries and Agencies, please refer to websites of the Cabinet Secretariat, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

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(Note 5) Even those who are eligible to the abovementioned measure 1, in order to shorten the entire period of home quarantine based on the measure (18), it is still necessary for them to submit a negative test result conducted on and after the 10th day of their entry into Japan to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in accordance with the measure (18).