

Administrative Circular

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To: Foreign International Air Carriers and  
Foreign Aircraft Operators

Director  
International Air Transport Division  
Civil Aviation Bureau

**Thorough management of restrictions on the activities of crew members on board aircraft traveling from abroad to and from Japan, and compliance with the items declared at the time of entry into Japan (Request)**

Cabin crews and flight crews (hereinafter referred to as “Crew”) who are on board aircraft arriving in Japan after departing from the areas subject to immigration restrictions on foreigners pursuant to Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, and need to enter Japan for business and depart from Japan at a later date, have been exempted from the target of antigen quantitative tests using saliva only if they satisfy the various points of concern including submission of a signed declaration form of the action schedule in Japan to a quarantine officer subject to ensuring necessary health condition check and movement restrictions of Crew after immigration under the responsibility of the airline (including business jet operators, the same shall apply hereinafter).

While we have been requesting thorough confirmation of the movements of Crew and their necessary health condition check, in light of the current situation where quarantine measures for people entering Japan are being strengthened to prevent the influx of a new coronavirus variant into the country, we have issued Administrative Circular dated 7 May requesting airlines to thoroughly manage movement restrictions of Crew including those from India, Pakistan, and Nepal.

As notified in the recent Administrative Circular dated 19 April, the Division will request each airline to submit the status of compliance with the contents of the declaration form, as well as movement history and health condition check results, as necessary.

In light of the government's recent decision to implement new measures to strengthen border measures, the authorities may conduct unannounced on-site inspections as necessary, and if a violation is confirmed, the name of the airline may be made public. We would like airlines to be well aware of it and thoroughly manage the compliance of Crew with the declared items.

In addition, Crew who do not enter the country after arrival but board a return flight are requested to avoid moving in the same line as general passengers until boarding the return flight, and the airline is requested to appropriately manage the movement of Crew so that they do not act in the area where general passengers stay in the airport terminal.

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