

Regarding refusal of landing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease  
(novel Coronavirus)

April 3, 2020

Regarding the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) which occurred in the People's Republic of China and has spread throughout the world, based on Cabinet approval on January 31, 2020, the announcement by the Covid-19 Measures Headquarters, and so on, for the time being, the Ministry of Justice considers foreign nationals who fall under any of the following to be foreign nationals who fall under Article 5, paragraph (1), item (xiv) of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Immigration Control Act") and unless the foreign national has **special exceptional circumstances**, the foreign national will be **subject to denial of landing** (See note).

In cases where a foreign national with the status of residence of "**Permanent Resident**", "**Spouse or Child of Japanese National**", "**Spouse or Child of Permanent Resident**" or "**Long-Term Resident**" departed from Japan on or before April 2, 2020 with re-entry permission (including special re-entry permission; the same applies hereinafter) (including the spouse of a Japanese national or Japanese child who does not have these statuses of residence; hereinafter the same applies), will be considered, in principle, to **come under special exceptional circumstances**.

Foreign nationals who departed from Japan with re-entry permission on or after April 3, even if they have one of the abovementioned statuses of residence are, in principle, **subject to refusal of landing without special exceptional circumstances**. If you are residing in Japan, please refrain from traveling to areas where landing will be denied as indicated in the following listing.

**Special permanent residents** are not subject to the examination under Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Immigration Control Act and therefore **landing will not be denied** based on the abovementioned measures.

Foreign nationals who stayed in the following countries / regions within 14 days before the application for landing

- Asia: Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, China (including Hong Kong and Macau), Philippines, Brunei, Viet nam, Malaysia
  - Oceania: Australia, New Zealand
  - North America: Canada, United States of America
  - Latin America and the Caribbean: Ecuador, Chile, Dominica, Panama, Brazil, Bolivia

- Europe: Iceland, Ireland, Albania, Armenia, Andorra, Italy, the United Kingdom, Estonia, Austria, Netherlands, Northern Macedonia, Cyprus, Greece, Croatia, Kosovo, San Marino, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Vatican, Hungary, Finland, France, Bulgaria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Poland, Portugal, Malta, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, Latvia, Lithuania, Liechtenstein, Romania, Luxembourg
- Middle East: Israel, Iran, Turkey, Bahrain
- Africa: Egypt, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mauritius, Morocco

Foreign nationals holding a passport issued in Hubei or Zhejiang, China

Foreign nationals who were onboard the cruise ship Westerdam that departed from Hong Kong

(Note) Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Extract)  
(Denial of Landing)

Article 5 (1) A foreign national who falls under any of the following items is denied permission to land in Japan:

Paragraphs (i) to (xiii) (Omitted)

(xiv) Beyond those persons listed in items (i) through (xiii), a person whom the Minister of Justice has reasonable grounds to believe is likely to commit an act which could be detrimental to the interests or public security of Japan.

(2) (Omitted)