

Japan Crew Change Procedure

For Onsigners

All arriving passengers who visited flwg listed countries/areas for the past 14 days must have ANTIGEN TEST (Not PCR test/PCR will be conducted if their result of Antigen test is "Positive reaction") upon arrival at the airport and it takes 3 - 5hours to obtain the result of the test and they are required to wait at the airport until the result of the test is found.

If the result of ANTIGEN TEST is "Negative" and Immigration/Quarantine would permit their entry, they can join the vessel without staying 14 days at the Quarantine office designated hotel with flwg condition.

1. NOT using public transportation such as Domestic airplane, Bullet train.
2. Required to embark the vsl immediately.

If use public transportation, required to stay 14 days at the Quarantine office designated hotel before joining vsl.

Asia

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand

North America

Canada, United States of America

Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentine, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

Europe

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

Middle East

Afghanistan, Bahrain, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

Africa

Algeria, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central Africa, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

AA)

Onsigner need to take COVID-19 test within 72hrs before onsigner flight departure and to obtain "Negative result" issued by local medical institution as below/attached.

Pls instruct on-signers to undertake PCR test as stated below and bring original certificate otherwise they will be denied entry into Japan in accordance with the Quarantine Act.

- a) Passenger's name, passport number, nationality, date of birth, gender
- b) Testing method (RT-PCR, LAMP, TMA, TRC, Smart Amp, NEAR, CLEIA, Next generation sequence)
- c) Sample collection method (only either Nasopharyngeal Swab or Saliva are accepted. (mixtures of sample collections or any other method are not accepted)
- d) Negative test result, sample collection date and time, date of issuance of the test

result;

- e) Name and address of the medical institute;
- f) A signature of the doctor and an imprint of a seal;
- g) Written in English.
- h) Specimen collection date and time should be NOT more than 72hrs before on-signers flight departure

And pls request doctor to fill in attached "Certificate of Testing for COVID-19" for smooth entry to Japan for on-signers.

Valid Format of "Certificate of Negative Test Result" | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (mofa.go.jp)

Pls confirm whether joiners need to take private PCR test as per owner's policy besides Antigen test taken at arrival airport held by Japan Quarantine.

BB)

In accordance with new regulation by Korea government for COVID-19, if the ship will call Korea ports, onsigner must obtain before joining the COVID-19 negative certificate within 72hrs before ship departure from port.

Test method must be 'Real-time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction'.

Pls confirm whether vessel planned to call Korea.

CC)

In accordance with new regulation by Chinese government for COVID-19, if the ship will call Chinese ports within 14 days after departure from Japan, onsigner has to take PCR test and IgM antibody test at the Chinese embassy's designated laboratory within 2 days before boarding and apply for a health code to the embassy.

Pls confirm whether vessel planned to call China within 14days after departure from Japan.

DD)

New restriction for all crew (regardless of nationality) who stayed at following countries within 14days before arrival Japan.

Asia (8)

Pakistan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, Philippines

North America (2)

Canada, United States of America

Latin America and the Caribbean (2)

Brazil, Peru

Europe (21)

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Spain, Finland, Greece

Middle East (4)

Israel, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates, Jordan

Africa (2)

Nigeria, South Africa

1. Need to bring negative certificate of PCR test withing 72 hours before international departure flight (Same as above AA)

2. Need to take Antigen test at arrival airport (Same as above AA)

3a. If to stay Japan within 3 days before joining: No further instruction.

3b. If to stay Japan more than 4 days before joining: Under ship side responsibility, joiner must take PCR test on 4th day and report the result to Japan quarantine.

3c. If to stay Japan more than 6 days before joining: Under ship side responsibility, joiner must take another PCR test on 6th day and report the result to Japan quarantine.

* Highlighted in Yellow is for Pakistan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives.

For Offsigners

AA) If vessel at sea over 14days after previous port

Offsigning allowed without PCR test subject to:

- Ship side to submit all crew on board body temperature from 14days before Japan arrival and all crew body temperature is below 37.4 deg C for all days.

If any of the crew body temperature found over 37.5 deg C during the 14days period, local quarantine will require offsigners to take PCR test before disembarking.

BB) If vessel arrival Japan is less than 14days from previous ports, quarantine need to check followings.

- a) Port call list
- b) IMO arrival crew list including each crew embark place and date
- c) Attached COVID-19 questionnaire

By submitting crew list, port call list and questionnaire to local quarantine, they to judge whether offsigning allowed without PCR test or not.

Usually if COVID-19 questionnaire No.2 to No.6 are all "No", local quarantine permit offsigning without PCR test.

However firm approval only available 1 day before ship arrival when granted free pratique by radio.

In case any of questionnaire No.2 to No.6 answer to be "Yes", local quarantine judged there were close contact with shore personal and offsigner must take PCR test on board before disembarking.

Test result takes min 6hrs to 1-2days subject to local situation.

Free pratique will not be granted until the PCR test result and any work (cargo ops, husbandry, etc.) not allowed.

Such being the case, Japan terminals will not allow offsigning arrangement in case PCR test is necessary to avoid cargo ops delay.

Pls kindly provide us with flwgs to confirm possibility of crew change for the ships upcoming call at Wakayama.

- Contact details of charts port agents.
- Voyage Memo (Last 10 ports of call)
- Crew list including embarkation date/place

- 1) Whether crew joined vessel within 14days before Japan arrival.
- 2) Whether crew go shore (for doctor visit, etc.) within 14days before Japan arrival.
- 3) Whether crew on board have close contact with shore personal within 14days before Japan arrival.

In case 1) & 2) occurred or local quarantine judged there were close contact with shore, offsigner must take PCR test on board before disembarkation and the result will be found min 6hrs to 1-2days subject to local situation.

Free pratique will not be granted until the PCR test result and any work (cargo ops, husbandry, etc.) is not allowed.