# **Reviewed Border Measures**

## Rationale for undertaking a review of border measures

- 1) The Basic Response Policy released on September 9, 2021 states that, "As vaccinations progress both domestically and overseas, the Government, giving consideration to the degree of vaccine efficacy and other factors, will undertake a phased review of border measures to include, for example, taking measures to manage those entering Japan by combining monitored activities and COVID-19 testing".
- 2) The business community and others have requested to ease border enforcement measures.

Based on the above, as well as other factors, the Government started implementing the following measures from November 8, 2021.

#### **Outline of measures**

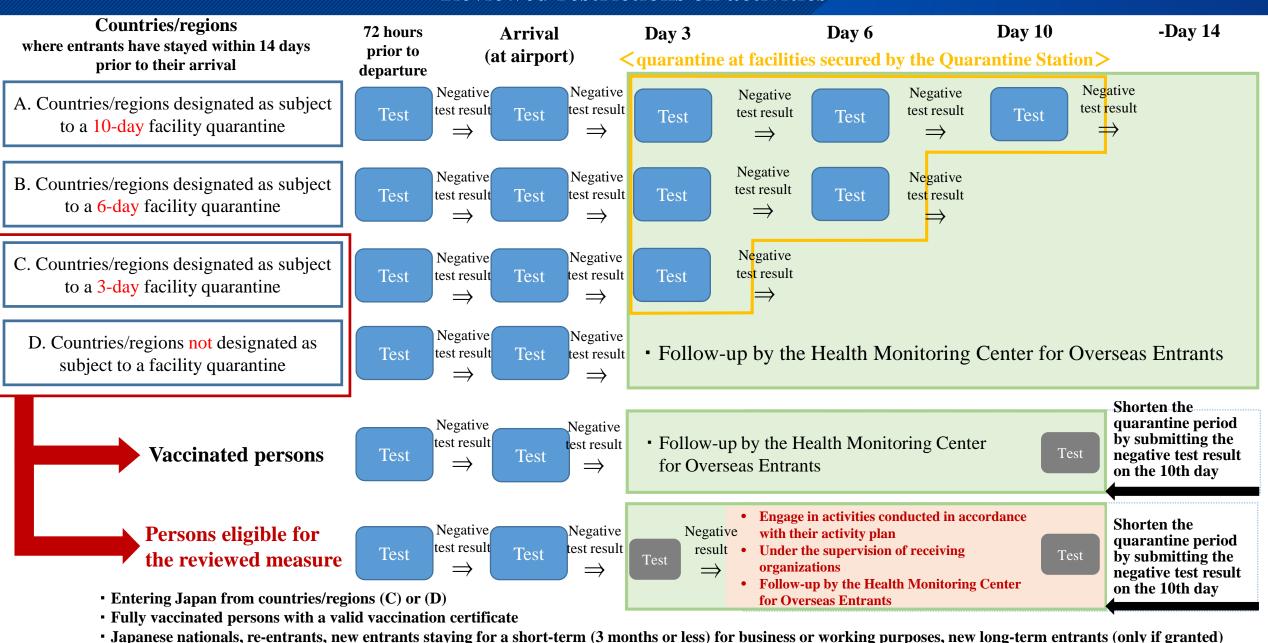
- 1) Review of restrictions on the activities for persons with a valid vaccination certificate of COVID-19 after their entry into Japan
  - Under the supervision of receiving organizations such as companies located in Japan, fully vaccinated persons who possess a valid vaccination certificate and fulfill the following (i)-(ii) are allowed to engage in activities from the 4th day after their entry in accordance with their activity plans formulated by their receiving organizations and screened by a Ministry/Agency overseeing the business area of the receiving organizations ("Ministry in charge of the business").
  - (i) The persons must enter Japan from either countries/regions designated in response to COVID-19 variants, where they are subject to stay at facilities provided by the Chief of the Quarantine Station for 3 days, or from non-designated countries/regions
  - (ii) The persons must conduct a test on the third day of the entry into Japan
  - 10-day home quarantine (at home or elsewhere)  $\rightarrow$  3-day home quarantine (at home or elsewhere) + 7-day monitored activities
- 2) Review of restrictions on new entry of foreign nationals into Japan

The Government allows new entry of foreign nationals into Japan for those who fall under (i) or (ii) under the supervision of the receiving organizations, and within the limits of the total number of persons entering Japan.

- (i) Those staying in Japan for a short-term period (less than three months) for business or working purposes.
- (ii) Those staying in Japan for a long-term period. These include employees, international students and technical intern trainees.

As for entry into Japan for tourism, the Government will continue on considering to resume entry of group tourists to Japan by examining the effectiveness of monitored activities and other factors until the end of this year, giving due consideration to factors such as domestic infection situations.

### **Reviewed restrictions on activities**



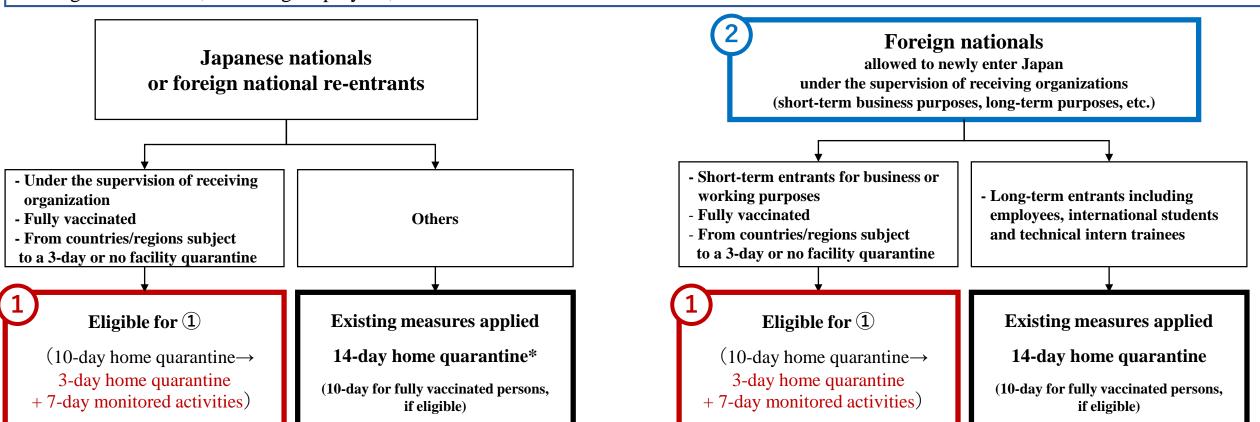
• A written pledge and an activity plan formulated by the applicants' receiving organizations must be screened by a Ministry/Agency in charge of the business

### **Overview of the New Measures**

#### New measures (November 2021)

- ① Reviewed restrictions on activities for fully vaccinated persons under the supervision of receiving organizations such as companies 10-day home quarantine (at home or elsewhere)  $\rightarrow$  3-day home quarantine (at home or elsewhere) + 7-day monitored activities
- 2 Reviewed restrictions on new entry of foreign nationals into Japan

New entry under the supervision of receiving organization is allowed for short-term entrants for business or working purposes, as well as for long-term entrants, including employees, international students and technical intern trainees.



\*The 14-day home quarantine period includes quarantine at facilities secured by the Quarantine Station for those entering Japan from countries/regions designated as subject to a certain waiting period.