

Dissemination from the Maritime Bureau's Foreign Affairs Division

From the viewpoint of preventing the influx of Indian mutants, which are said to be extremely infectious, the government's border measures were strengthened on May 7. Therefore, please be aware of the measures to be taken when foreign seafarers enter the country and implement them thoroughly.

1. For foreign seafarers entering Japan from countries / regions where mutant strains are endemic (excluding India, Pakistan and Nepal), it is the responsibility of each company to fully control the behavior of the seafarers, and each company, etc. will make arrangements after entering Japan. Have them wait in their own room at the accommodation facility. On the 3rd day after entering Japan, the seafarers who are judged to be negative by the PCR test will be evacuated from the accommodation facility and departed from the port of Japan.
2. For seafarers from each country entering Japan from India, Pakistan and Nepal, it is the responsibility of each company to fully control the behavior of the seafarers, and after entering Japan, they will be kept waiting in their own room of the accommodation facility arranged by the shipping company. For the time being, PCR tests will be conducted again on the 3rd and 6th days after entry, and seafarers who are negative in any of the tests will be evacuated from the accommodation facility and departed from the port of Japan.
3. We shall continue to take measures such as non-use of public transportation for all movements of foreign seafarers in Japan and thorough infection prevention measures for mobile vehicles.

In addition, we shall take thorough infection prevention measures on board and strengthen infection prevention measures in the living space on board, such as avoiding sharing of toilets between seafarers as much as possible. Furthermore, prior to the entry of foreign seafarers into Japan, possible efforts such as extending the period of voluntary isolation of seafarers before leaving the country shall be promoted.