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**TO: LABOUR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
ALL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS  
BIWEEKLY MEMBERS MEETING PARTICIPANTS  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GROUP PARTICIPANTS**

### **JAPAN COVID-19 UPDATE AS OF 23 DECEMBER 2021**

**Action Required: *Members are invited to note the latest information below kindly provided by the Japanese Shipowners Association.***

#### **Japanese Border Measures**

To prevent Omicron variant affections, MLIT strongly requested shipping companies minimize crew changes (kindly not to call in Japan without cargo works). Despite the criteria below, MLIT requests seafarers stay in a hotel during quarantine or waiting to board and conduct PCR testing every 3 days even if seafarers are vaccinated.

If the on-signer boards the same flight with an infected person of the Omicron variant, the on-signer must be quarantined and take PCR testing every two days.

The list below is for seafarers coming by air only.

If the on-signer is a "close-contact" with an infector of the omicron variant, he must stay in a designated accommodation prepared by the authority. During which, they must take PCR testing every two days. If it shows positive, they must be hospitalized. For seafarers, while the vessels stay in Japanese ports (before departure from the final Japanese port) after joining, the close-contact must take a PCR testing every two days and hospitalized after turning positive.

OMNICRON	Quarantine Period			PCR Test Required		
	10 days	6 days	3 days	Day 3	Day 6	Day 10
Angola	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Botswana,	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Eswatini	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Lesotho	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Malawi	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Mozambique	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes

Namibia	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Republic of South Africa	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Zambia	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Zimbabwe	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Denmark		Yes		Yes	Yes	
France,		Yes		Yes	Yes	
Germany		Yes		Yes	Yes	
Italy		Yes		Yes	Yes	
Korea		Yes		Yes	Yes	
the Netherlands		Yes		Yes	Yes	
Norway		Yes		Yes	Yes	
Portugal		Yes		Yes	Yes	
Sweden		Yes		Yes	Yes	
The United Kingdom,		Yes		Yes	Yes	
The USA (New York, Hawaii)		Yes		Yes	Yes	
Argentina,			Yes	Yes		
Australia (ACT, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, Victoria)			Yes	Yes		
Austria,			Yes	Yes		
Brazil (Sao Paulo)			Yes	Yes		
Belgium			Yes	Yes		
Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario),			Yes	Yes		
Chile			Yes	Yes		
Croatia			Yes	Yes		
Cyprus			Yes	Yes		
Czech			Yes	Yes		
Ecuador			Yes	Yes		
Egypt,			Yes	Yes		
Estonia			Yes	Yes		
Finland			Yes	Yes		
Ghana,			Yes	Yes		
Greece			Yes	Yes		
Hungary			Yes	Yes		
Iceland			Yes	Yes		
India (Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan),			Yes	Yes		
Ireland,			Yes	Yes		
Israel,			Yes	Yes		
Lebanon,			Yes	Yes		
Lithuania			Yes	Yes		
Nigeria			Yes	Yes		
Pakistan,			Yes	Yes		
Peru			Yes	Yes		
Reunion			Yes	Yes		
The Russian Federation			Yes	Yes		
Slovakia			Yes	Yes		
Slovenia			Yes	Yes		
Spain,			Yes	Yes		

