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Mandatory quarantine for International arrivals is lifted from June 8 **6month8Removal of quarantine obligations for overseas travelers from Japan**

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The Central Disease Control Headquarters of Korea (CDCH, headed by Commissioner Baek Gyeongran) announced that all overseas entrants will be exempt from isolation starting from June 8, which is the final phase of the post-Omicron revision of entry regulations, in consideration of the continued downward trend in new COVID19 cases in the nation and the stable pandemic situation abroad.

The second phase of the post-Omicron revision became effective from June 1 on-wards, which reduced the number of mandatory tests at the time of entry into Korea to two.

Taking into account the increasingly stable pandemic control at home and abroad as well as recent global trends such as the isolation exemption for in-bound travelers by Germany, the UK, and Denmark, Korea will lift the quarantine requirement for all overseas entrants into the nation regardless of vaccination status and nationality.

*(As-Is) Fully vaccinated individuals exempt from isolation, while un-vaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals subject to mandatory 7day isolation.

While the new measure will apply retroactively for all overseas entrants as of the effective date of June 8, individuals who test positive for COVID-19 upon arrival will continue to be isolated.

However, as it remains necessary to closely monitor any developments regarding COVID19 given the confirmed cases of new Omicron variants such as BA.2.12.1 from in-bound travelers to Korea, the current COVID-19 testing requirement for overseas entrants to take tests both before and after entering the nation from abroad will be maintained.