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No. 25022/10/2016-F.I  
Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
(Foreigners Division)

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NDCC II Building, Jai Singh Road  
New Delhi, the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

To

1. All Indian Missions/ Posts
2. All State Governments/ UT Administrations
3. FRROs – Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Amritsar, Bangalore  
Hyderabad, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Calicut, Goa, Lucknow  
and Ahmedabad.

**Subject : Visa-on-Arrival for Japanese nationals – Introduction of a  
new chapter in the Visa Manual**

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Sir,

Please refer to this Ministry's Circular no. 467 [File no. 25022/10/2016-F.I.] dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016 on the above mentioned subject.

2. The condition stipulated in para 3B. 4.2 of the Visa Manual that the Visa-on-Arrival will be allowed for a maximum of two times in a calendar year to a Japanese national has been reconsidered by the Government. It has been decided, with the approval of the competent authority, to delete this condition from para 3B. 4 the Visa Manual. Accordingly, para 3B.4 – Validity in Chapter 3B of the Visa Manual pertaining to Visa-on-Arrival is replaced by the following:-

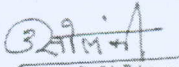
**"3B.4 Validity**

Visa-on-Arrival will be valid for entry and stay in India within the period of its validity subject to the conditions specified. The

Immigration officer may grant a single entry Visa-on-Arrival valid up to 30 days to the citizens of Japan. This would be in addition to e-Tourist Visa facility."

3. All other provisions in Chapter 3B of the Visa Manual introduced vide this Ministry's Circular no. 467 dated 22.2.2016 shall remain unchanged and continue to be in effect.
4. All authorities concerned are requested to strictly comply with the above mentioned guidelines.
5. These instructions shall come into force with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March,2016.

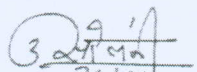
Yours faithfully

  
26/2/2016  
(S.C.Solanki)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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