

The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Japanese Companies and Its Countermeasures –Analysis of China’s Legal Measures and Policies– (Summary)

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A new type of coronavirus infection (“COVID-19”) began its epidemic in Wuhan City in December 2019, and due to an initial lack of awareness, the authorities did not immediately take strong infection deterrence measures, resulting in a rapid expansion of the epidemic and a sudden increase in the number of cases. On January 20, the National Health Commission of the People’s Republic of China (“Health Commission”) declared COVID-19 to be classified as a “Category B epidemic” and to be controlled as a Category A (highest grade) epidemic. By early March, although the epidemic in China was largely under control, outbreaks occurred around the world. The Chinese government’s infection control policy has been switched from “controlling the epidemic within the country” to “preventing an influx from outside the country”, and specific infection control measures have been effectively coordinated, but the impact on companies and individuals remains significant and is expected to continue for a certain period of time.

This paper briefly introduces the legal system for the prevention of contagious diseases in China and explains the administrative measures related to quarantine that have a significant impact on Japanese companies.

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