Multiple Landing Permit for Foreign Crew Members (Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act Article 16)

- (2) An immigration inspector may grant landing permission to crew members who fall under any of the following items, if it is found appropriate to do so:
 - (i) in case a foreign crew member of a vessel in regular service between Japan and other countries or of other vessels that frequently enter Japanese ports of entry and departure wishes to land in Japan for rest, shopping or other similar purposes on multiple occasions for a period within 1 year from the date of permission, upon application by the captain of the vessel or the carrier who operates the vessel on which the foreign crew member is aboard, in accordance with the procedures provided for by Ministry of Justice Order; or
 - (ii) omit

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[Landing permit period] While the said ship is in Japan

[Port of entry/departure] No restrictions on ports of entry/departure in Japan

[Relationship between subject crew member and ship] Only for crew members of the ship and only if they are working on the ship

[Supervision of crew members] Crew members shall be under the proper supervision of the ship's captain or the carrier

Duty to Report of the carrier

(Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act Article 57)

(5) If a crew member who has been granted the permission set forth in Article 16, paragraph (2) is on board the vessel or aircraft entering Japan, the captain of the vessel or aircraft must immediately report the name of the crew member and other particulars provided by Ministry of Justice Order to an immigration inspector each time the vessel or aircraft arrives at a port of entry or departure.

When the captain of a ship or the carrier applies for a multiple landing permit for crew members, it shall be deemed appropriate to grant such permission because the crew members are expected to be properly supervised.

For example, crew members of ships in regular service and superyachts that are scheduled to enter Japanese ports multiple times are eligible.

