

Japan – sources of information

Countries	Comments and URL
Austria	<p>Website of the Federal Ministry of Health: <a href="http://www.bmg.gv.at/">http://www.bmg.gv.at/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on potassium-iodine tablets (message: no need for use).</li> <li>• Information on food import from Japan (message: food products will be strictly controlled).</li> </ul> <p>Website of the Federal Ministry of Interior: <a href="http://www.bmi.gv.at/cms/bmi/_news/bmi.aspx">http://www.bmi.gv.at/cms/bmi/_news/bmi.aspx</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A call centre operational from 12 March 2011.</li> <li>• A press conference held by the Federal Ministry of Interior (12 March 2011) with the participation of the Minister for „Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft“.</li> </ul> <p>Main information of the population is done by the „Bundesministerium für Inneres“ (Federal Ministry of Interior) - call center (operational from 12. March 2011). A press conference was done by the Federal Ministry of Interior (12. March 2011) under participation of the Minister for „Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft“.</p> <p>Information for the population is available at the website of the „Bundesministerium für Inneres“ <a href="http://www.bmi.gv.at/cms/bmi/_news/bmi.aspx">http://www.bmi.gv.at/cms/bmi/_news/bmi.aspx</a> and <a href="http://www.bmi.gv.at/cms/bmi/_news/bmi.aspx?id=364F59417A6A756943524D3D&amp;page=0&amp;view=1">http://www.bmi.gv.at/cms/bmi/_news/bmi.aspx?id=364F59417A6A756943524D3D&amp;page=0&amp;view=1</a>, website of the „Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft“ <a href="http://www.lebensministerium.at/">http://www.lebensministerium.at/</a> and <a href="http://www.umwelt.net.at/article/archive/7032">http://www.umwelt.net.at/article/archive/7032</a> and website of the „Bundesministerium für Gesundheit“ (Federal Ministry of Health – MoH) <a href="http://www.bmg.gv.at/">http://www.bmg.gv.at/</a> and <a href="http://www.bmg.gv.at/home/Startseite/aktuelle_Meldungen/Information_zur_Kaliumjodidbevorratung_in_Oesterreich">http://www.bmg.gv.at/home/Startseite/aktuelle_Meldungen/Information_zur_Kaliumjodidbevorratung_in_Oesterreich</a> . MoH has published information on potassium-iodine- tablets (message: no need for use!).</p> <p>Travel advice is given by „Bundesministerium für europäische und internationale Angelegenheiten“ <a href="http://www.bmeia.gv.at/">http://www.bmeia.gv.at/</a> ,</p>

	<p><a href="http://www.bmeia.gv.at/aussenministerium/buergerservice/reisewarnungen.html">http://www.bmeia.gv.at/aussenministerium/buergerservice/reisewarnungen.html</a> and <a href="http://www.bmeia.gv.at/aussenministerium/buergerservice/reiseinformation/a-z-laender/japan-de.html">http://www.bmeia.gv.at/aussenministerium/buergerservice/reiseinformation/a-z-laender/japan-de.html</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Belgium</b></p>	<p>Website of the ministry of Health: <a href="http://www.health.belgium.be/">http://www.health.belgium.be/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campagne nationale d'information de la population sur le risque nucléaire lancée le 14 mars. Prévue de longue date, <b>elle n'a pas de lien direct avec la situation actuelle au Japon.</b></li> <li>• Il en va de même pour la pré-distribution de nouveaux comprimés d'iode stable organisée également en parallèle via les pharmacies locales. Les habitants et collectivités autour des sites nucléaires peuvent aller retirer des comprimés d'iode stable. Au delà de ces zones, il n'est absolument pas nécessaire pour les citoyens de disposer chez eux au préalable de ces comprimés. Les autorités disposent de réserves de comprimés qui peuvent être distribués en cas de situation d'urgence.</li> </ul> <p>Website of the ministry of Foreign Affairs: <a href="http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/">http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tous les voyages vers le Japon sont déconseillés jusqu'à nouvel ordre.</li> </ul> <p>L'Ambassade de Belgique demande aux compatriotes au Japon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• De rester chez eux de manière à pouvoir être facilement localisés en cas de besoin.</li> <li>• De continuer à rester en contact avec l'Ambassade, de préférence par mail.</li> <li>• De suivre scrupuleusement les instructions des autorités japonaises.</li> <li>• Capsules d'iode: notre ambassade recevra du Centre de Crise du SPF Intérieur et également de la Défense un stock suffisant de comprimés d'iode pour distribution à nos compatriotes qui en font la demande au Japon. C'est uniquement une mesure de précaution. Ces comprimés peuvent être pris sur seule instruction</li> </ul>

	<p>explicite des autorités japonaises. Le moment où la distribution aura lieu, ainsi que les modalités de celle-ci, seront communiqués ultérieurement sur ce site. Il est inutile de vous rendre à l'ambassade pour ce motif aujourd'hui.</p>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	<p>State officials for Nuclear Safety Czech Republic</p> <p><a href="http://www.sujb.cz/?c_id=1079">http://www.sujb.cz/?c_id=1079</a></p> <p>Ministry of Health, this does not yet.</p>
<b>Finland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid unnecessary travel to Japan.</li> <li>• Advice against of taking KI tablets.</li> </ul>
<b>France</b>	<p>internet web site of the french nuclear safety authority <a href="http://www.asn.fr/">http://www.asn.fr/</a></p> <p>Website of the ministry of Health: <a href="http://www.sante.gouv.fr/">http://www.sante.gouv.fr/</a> NO INFORMATION</p> <p>Website of the ministry of Foreign Affairs: <a href="http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/">http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/</a></p> <p><i>In Tokyo:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A telephone hotline and a 24-hour telephone helpline service.</li> <li>• Information relayed to the French community through email and our diplomatic post's website.</li> <li>• A team is trying to establish contact with the French citizens in the disaster areas.</li> <li>• A press department responsible for monitoring media coverage, coordinating embassy communications and receiving requests from the French journalists dispatched to the region.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communiqués issued at regular intervals.</li> </ul> <p><i>In Paris:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The “Advice to Travellers” page reaffirms that we strongly advise against travel to Japan.</li> </ul> <p>As a precaution, the French embassy has advised those that don’t have a particular reason to remain in the Tokyo region to leave the</p>
<b>Germany</b>	<a href="http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Laenderinformationen/00-SiHi/Nodes/JapanSicherheit_node.html">http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Laenderinformationen/00-SiHi/Nodes/JapanSicherheit_node.html</a>
<b>Hungary</b>	<p><b>1. The current activities, e.g. website (please give us the URL address):</b></p> <p>Official Website of the Hungarian Government: <a href="http://www.katasztrofavedelem.hu/">http://www.katasztrofavedelem.hu/</a>  HUNGARIAN ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY: <a href="http://www.haea.gov.hu/web/v2/portal.nsf/index_hu">http://www.haea.gov.hu/web/v2/portal.nsf/index_hu</a>  National Public Health and Medical Officer Service: <a href="http://www.antsz.hu/portal/portal/foldrenges_japanban.html">http://www.antsz.hu/portal/portal/foldrenges_japanban.html</a></p> <p><b>2. Content of current messages:</b>  Continous information on the natural disaster in Japan (earthquake, radiation contamination, aid), situation in Japan lived Hungarian citizen (healthy, aren't at risk)</p> <p><b>3. How to you communicate about travel advice? Is it you, or another governmental entity? What do you communicate?</b>  Actually we aren't communicate about travel advice</p> <p><b>4. How to you address the issue of iodine tablets which people start to buy?</b>  People aren't buying the iodine tablets. We don't know about it (Quelle: national chief officer of pharmacy).</p>
<b>Ireland</b>	Department of Foreign Affairs and can be viewed here <a href="http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=419">http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=419</a> .
<b>Italy</b>	link for travel advice posted on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

	<p><a href="http://www.viaggiare Sicuri.it/index.php?id=322&amp;tx_ttnews[tt_news]=7142">http://www.viaggiare Sicuri.it/index.php?id=322&amp;tx_ttnews[tt_news]=7142</a> The advices are regularly updated day by day</p> <p>Other information for people coming back from Japan will be soon be posted under a Focus on the website of the Ministry of Health (<a href="http://www.salute.gov.it">www.salute.gov.it</a>), especially to point out indications to refer to specialized Hospital centers for tests and evaluations, if desired.</p> <p>Website of the Foreign Affairs: <a href="http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN">http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travels to Japan are not recommended. Follow advice of the Japanese authorities.</li> <li>• Move away or a while from Tokyo and northern prefectures touched by the tsunami.</li> <li>• Alitalia flights from tomorrow and on, from Osaka.</li> </ul>
<b>Japan</b>	<p>Countermeasures for 2011 Tohoku - Pacific Ocean Earthquake <a href="http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/topics/2011/earthquake2011tohoku.html">http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/topics/2011/earthquake2011tohoku.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/topics/2011/earthquake2011tohoku.html">http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/topics/2011/earthquake2011tohoku.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.nisa.meti.go.jp/english/index.html">http://www.nisa.meti.go.jp/english/index.html</a></p>
<b>Latvia</b>	<p>1. The current activities, e.g. website (please give us the URL address) - <b>Info to the media was provided from Radiation Safety Centre under the Ministry of the Environmental Protection and regional Development, and Ministry of Health as well.</b></p> <p>2. Content of current messages which was reflected in all media (TV, radio, newspapers) - <b>The radioactive cloud can't come to Latvia, because situation (distance, height of the cloud etc.) is quite different comparing with Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster. So that special security measures (including using iodine tablets) are not necessary! The situations with the level of radiation activity are constantly monitored throughout the EU and Latvia.</b></p> <p>3. How to you communicate about travel advice? Is it you, or another governmental entity? What do you communicate? - <b>Regarding travel advises information is provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</b></p> <p>4. How to you address the issue of iodine tablets which people start to buy? <b>Latvian pharmacies do not</b></p>

	<b>indicate an increased purchase of iodine tablets, because of no necessity!</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The special page on the website of the Ministry of Health of Lithuania is created. You could find all information (in LT and in EN) and useful links here: <a href="http://www.sam.lt/go.php/lit/Radiacine_sauga_/1211">http://www.sam.lt/go.php/lit/Radiacine_sauga_/1211</a></li> <li>2. Content of our current messages: situation updates, information about recently created a special website's page, contact information for urgent cases.</li> <li>3. Travel advice is entity of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; we promoted their recommendation on our website.</li> <li>4. We do not have problems with starting to buy iodine tablets in Lithuania yet, but we put WHO FAQ on our website (the Lithuanian version of this information is under preparations now).</li> <li>5. Yes, Lithuania would prefer to have regular audio conferences of the network (maybe, ones a week for the beginning)</li> </ol>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	<p><a href="http://www.ms.public.lu">www.ms.public.lu</a> <a href="http://www.sante.lu">www.sante.lu</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Content of current messages Our press releases stress that the nuclear accident in Japan doesn't represent any direct risk for Luxembourg/Europe, and this because of the distance</li> <li>3. How to you communicate about travel advice? Is it you, or another governmental entity? What do you communicate? To Luxembourgers living /staying in Tokyo for the moment , our government recommends to leave Tokyo if they can and move towards the south of the country</li> <li>4. How to you address the issue of iodine tablets which people start to buy? We highlight on our web sites documents and publicaions on that issue. The citizens shall be informed.</li> </ol>
<b>Norway</b>	<p>The situation in Japan is coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - <a href="http://www.regjeringen.no/nb/dep/ud/aktuelt/nyheter/2011/tsunami_japan.html?id=635599#2">http://www.regjeringen.no/nb/dep/ud/aktuelt/nyheter/2011/tsunami_japan.html?id=635599#2</a></p> <p>The Norwegian Radiation Protection Agency also has a key role - <a href="http://www.nrpa.no/">http://www.nrpa.no/</a></p>

**Switzerland**

**Further to the request made during the audio conference yesterday, Switzerland's Federal Department of Foreign Affairs advises travelers as follows (\*1.):**

Le DFAE déconseille tout voyage à destination du nord-est du Japon, ainsi que dans les préfectures de Nagano et Niigata. Le DFAE déconseille de se rendre dans les autres régions du pays pour des voyages touristiques ou autres qui ne présentent pas un caractère d'urgence. Pour les ressortissants suisses au Japon: il est pour le moment difficile de prévoir l'évolution de la situation au niveau des installations nucléaires touchées, et de nouvelles secousses sismiques sont encore possibles. Le DFAE recommande à tous les Suissesses et Suisses qui se trouvent dans le nord-est du Japon, frappé par la crise, ainsi que dans la région de Tokyo/Yokohama, et dont la présence n'est pas absolument indispensable sur place, de quitter provisoirement les lieux pour autant que cela soit possible et sûr de le faire.

La décision de quitter le pays revient à chacun. Si vous optez pour cette solution, veuillez utiliser les moyens de transports existants. Les compagnies aériennes informent sur les liaisons aériennes. Renseignez-vous sur place sur les possibilités du transport locales. Les vols ne sont pas limités au départ de Tokyo. D'autres aéroports tels que celui d'Osaka ou de Nagoya doivent être pris en compte.

Tenez-vous régulièrement informés de la situation, conformez-vous strictement aux instructions et aux règles de conduite émanant des autorités locales. Restez en contact avec vos proches et avec l'ambassade de Suisse à Tokyo et informez-les de votre départ.

And concerning measures on return from Japan, advice from the Federal Office of Public Health is as follows (\*2):

Le retour en Suisse de voyageurs en provenance du Japon nécessite-t-il des mesures de radioprotection particulières?

A l'heure actuelle, il n'y a pas lieu de prendre des mesures de radioprotection particulières pour les personnes entrant en Suisse. En particulier, les personnes qui n'ont jamais séjourné dans la zone d'évacuation, n'ont aucune raison de craindre une contamination radioactive. En revanche, les voyageurs

	<p>qui ont séjourné dans la zone d'évacuation sont priés de s'annoncer auprès de l'OFSP au numéro 031 322 9614.</p> <p>No4: <a href="http://www.admin.ch/aktuell/00270/index.html?lang=fr">http://www.admin.ch/aktuell/00270/index.html?lang=fr</a> and FAQ  <a href="http://www.bag.admin.ch/themen/strahlung/11680/11681/index.html?lang=fr">http://www.bag.admin.ch/themen/strahlung/11680/11681/index.html?lang=fr</a></p>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<p>Website of the Foreign Affairs (FCO): <a href="http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/">http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel advice has been updated and recommends against all non-essential travel to Tokyo and North East Japan. Please keep checking our website.</li> <li>• The British Embassy has established a 24 hour Consular Response Centre in Sendai.</li> </ul> <p>FCO's emergency helpline</p>
<b>USA</b>	<p>here is the information from HHS (ASPR and CDC) and a link to the State Department travel advice site.</p> <p><a href="http://www.phe.gov/emergency/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.phe.gov/emergency/Pages/default.aspx</a>  <a href="http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/tsunamis/">http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/tsunamis/</a>  <a href="http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/2011-earthquake-tsunami-humanitarian-aid-workers.aspx">http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/2011-earthquake-tsunami-humanitarian-aid-workers.aspx</a>  <a href="http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/2011-earthquake-tsunami-expatriates-students.aspx">http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/2011-earthquake-tsunami-expatriates-students.aspx</a>  <a href="http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_5378.html">http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_5378.html</a></p>
<b>WHO</b>	<p>Q&amp;As</p> <p><a href="http://www.who.int/hac/crises/jpn/faqs/en/index2.html">http://www.who.int/hac/crises/jpn/faqs/en/index2.html</a></p>



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