

# The role of Customs in mitigating the effect of Covid-19

## Japan Customs' efforts



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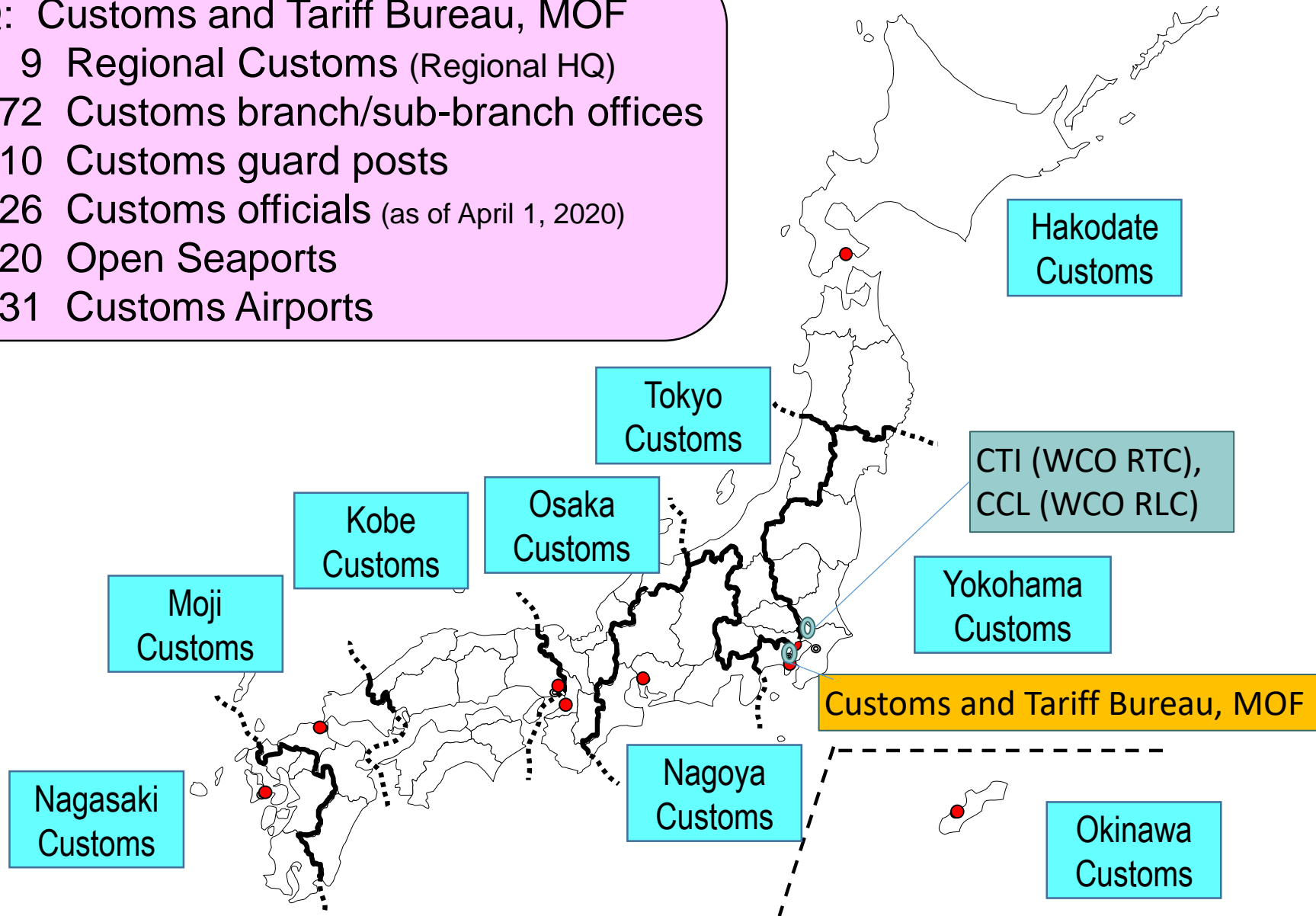
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# I. Introduction of Japan Customs

HQ: Customs and Tariff Bureau, MOF  
9 Regional Customs (Regional HQ)  
172 Customs branch/sub-branch offices  
10 Customs guard posts  
9,826 Customs officials (as of April 1, 2020)  
120 Open Seaports  
31 Customs Airports



## II. Countermeasures to the Covid-19

1. Customs clearance procedures on relief goods, etc.
  - Prioritized
  - Exemption of Customs duties and consumption taxes with simplified declaration form
2. Extension of the deadline for application for duty payment, etc., due to the difficulties caused by the Covid-19
  - Extension of the deadline for application for duty payment
  - Repayment/reduction/exemption of commissions:
    - ✓ Repayment/exemption of commission for Customs inspection on relief goods at places outside designated area
    - ✓ Repayment/exemption of commission for Customs inspection on goods placed outside of bonded (Hozei) area for the sake of fight against the Covid-19
    - ✓ Repayment/exemption of commission for certificates of import permission, etc., which are damaged due to sanitization work, etc.
    - ✓ Repayment/reduction/exemption of commission for the permission of bonded (Hozei) area where difficulties to business are caused due to the Covid-19

## II. Countermeasures to the Covid-19

### 3. Flexibility in Customs procedures

- Customs declaration at convenient Customs offices
- Relaxation of the requirement of seal
- Relaxation of the requirement of original copies
- Teleworking of Customs brokers
- AEO
  - ✓ Alternative ways of on-site validation
  - ✓ Transmission of official documents such as the application for AEO status via e-mail (normal procedure)
- Others
  - ✓ Flexibility in the term for the submission of certificate of origin, etc.
  - ✓ Flexibility in the lodgment of security to extend the term for duty payment.



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***Thank you for your attention***