

1. New Regulatory Sandbox framework in Japan

- The Government of Japan (GOJ) introduced this framework on June 6, 2018 as one of the mechanisms for regulatory reform to facilitate realization of innovative technologies and business models in Japan.
- The framework does not limit the area of regulations, but covers those on financial services, healthcare industry, mobility and transportation.
- Companies, including overseas companies, can
 - apply to conduct “demonstrations” under this new framework and
 - test the possibilities of using innovative technologies such as AI, IoT or block chains for future business, especially when they cannot start businesses due to existing Japanese regulations.



Overview of the process for regulatory reform

In cases where

- you would like to conduct business activities which utilize new technologies or new business models,
- but they conflict with existing Japanese regulations, because they do not assume such new technologies:

→ You can apply to conduct operations not as business activities but as “demonstrations” with limited time periods and participants.

→ Data collected through the demonstrations will be utilized in deliberation for regulatory reform, which will facilitate the creation of such innovative business activities with new technologies and new business models.

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If you are of an overseas company or a foreign-affiliated company in Japan, you can consult the “Invest Japan Hotline” of JETRO before consulting the GoJ's Regulatory Sandbox Team.

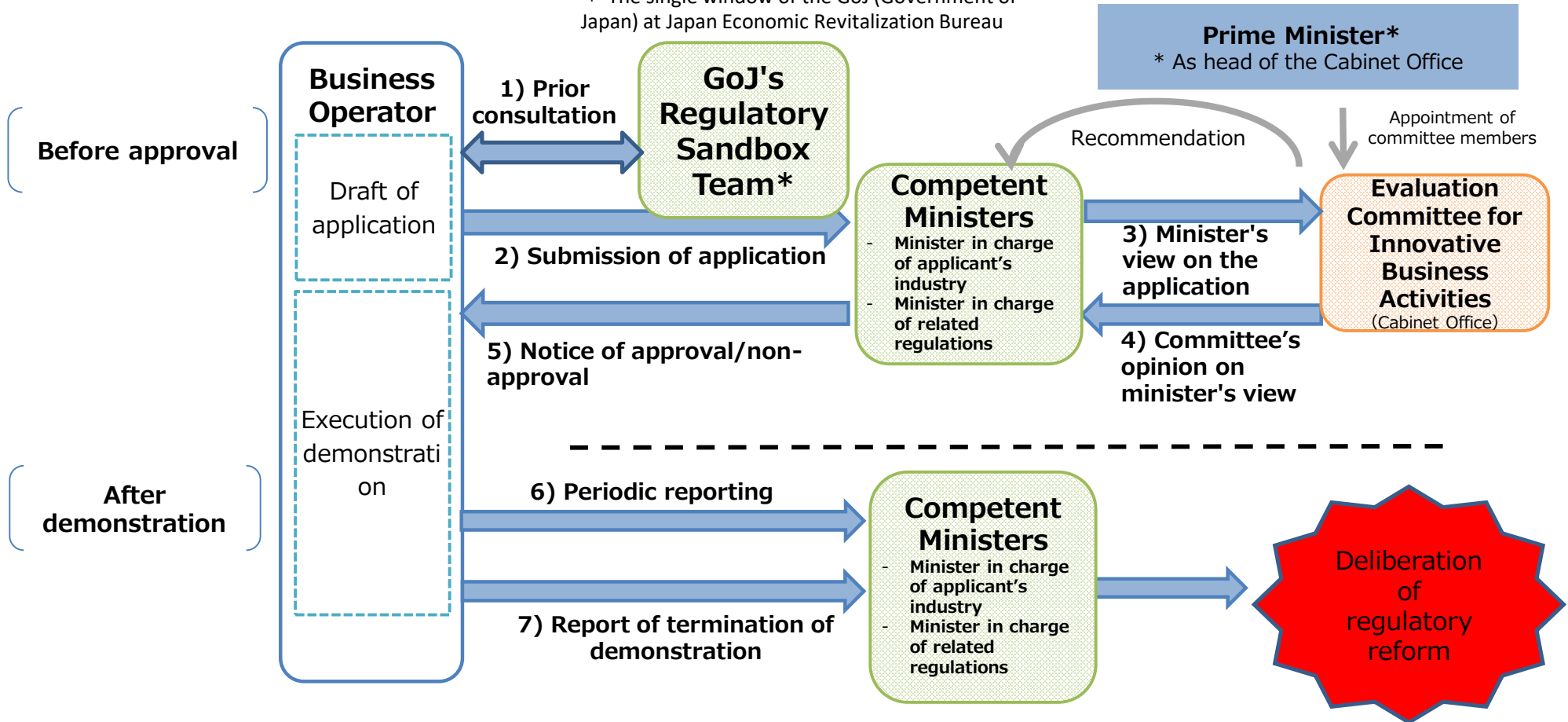
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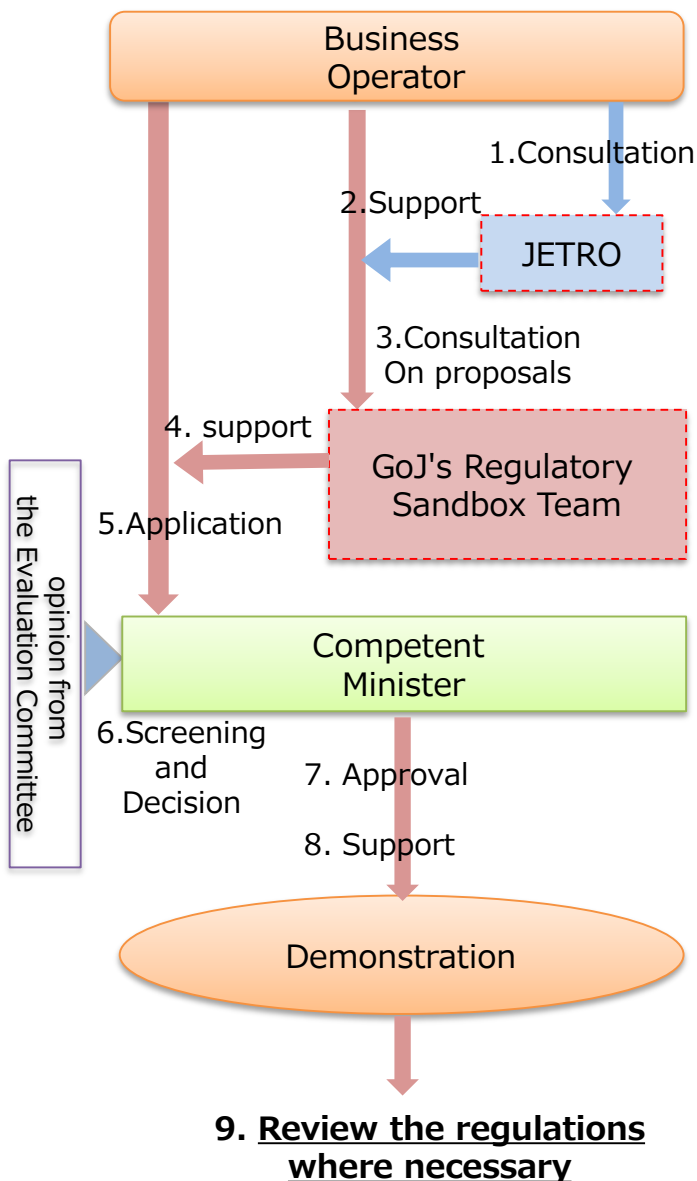
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2. Process under Regulatory Sandbox (RS) framework

* The single window of the GoJ (Government of Japan) at Japan Economic Revitalization Bureau



3. Support when using “Regulatory Sandbox” framework



1. If you are of an overseas company or a foreign-affiliated company in Japan, you can consult JETRO before consulting the GoJ's Regulatory Sandbox Team.
2. JETRO will support you to consult the GoJ's Regulatory Sandbox Team.
- 3,4,5. GoJ's Regulatory Sandbox Team works as the single window of the GoJ(Government of Japan)
 - to provide consultation for private businesses, and
 - to exchange views with regulators, when appropriate, on the proposals to be made under the Regulatory Sandbox framework.
- 6,7. Screening and decision making by the competent minister referring to the opinion from the evaluation committee.
8. After the approval, provide information and advice from the competent minister necessary for the smooth and secure implementation of the demonstration
9. Competent minister will review the regulations where necessary by using the demonstration data.