

JAPAN P&I NEWS

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To the Members

Dear Sirs,

Tianjin – Explosion at the warehouse (No.2)

Members are referred to the previous Japan P&I News [No.756](#) dated 14 August 2015.

We have obtained information about the explosion at the warehouse in Tianjin China from our correspondents, Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Ltd, Tianjin Branch. Please find attached their Circular.

Yours faithfully,

The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association

Attachment: Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Ltd, Tianjin Branch Circular



CHINA RE

华泰保险经纪有限公司

HUATAI INSURANCE AGENCY & CONSULTANT SERVICE LTD.

Circular Ref No.: PNI1506

Date: 18 Aug 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

Subject: Latest Update of Tianjin Port Situation Following the Blast on 12 Aug 2015

(This circular is prepared by Huatai Tianjin Office)

We have received seas of concerns and queries regarding the situation of Tianjin port following the unfortunate blast on 12 Aug 2015. To provide our client with an update of the current situation here, we have prepared this circular.

Port Operation has mostly returned to normal

According to the notice from Tianjin MSA today, currently all terminals of Tianjin port have resumed normal operations. It should be noted that because Huisheng Terminal and Euroasia Terminal are relatively close to the explosion site, the loading and discharging operations are affected to some extent due to the physical influences to the stevedores by the unhealthy air. Other terminals are all in normal operations at present.

However, the surrounding roads of the explosion site are still blocked. The vehicles which enter and exit port are required to circumambulate, which will influence the speed of cargo congregation.



Dangerous cargo operations are prohibited

On 17th Aug. 2015, Tianjin Municipal Transportation Commission published a Notice ordering all relative departments to cease dangerous cargo operations, details are as follows:

- 1) All dangerous cargo container terminals cease export & import operations for all containers;
- 2) All liquid bulk cargo terminals cease export & import operations for all dangerous cargoes.
- 3) All dangerous cargo container yards cease all export & import vanning and devanning operations for all dangerous cargo.

Tianjin MSA has informed related departments to strictly follow the notice and cease all port entry & exit application of related vessels and cargoes. (When preparing for this report, we are advised that Tianjin port has received notice to resume some operations of low-risk dangerous cargoes, such as residual oil, base oil and asphalt).

We are also confirmed by CIQ that other than the dangerous cargoes listed above, there is no restriction to the operations of other cargo, inclusive of iron ore, agricultural products, etc..

Air condition safety

In respect of the air condition, 17 detecting points were set up in the perimeter zone to monitor the air, soil and water in real-time for 24 hours a day.

According to the latest report, some trace of cyanide were found in two of the detecting points, which temporarily may not be harmful to the surrounding area. At present, within 2 km from the explosion site are under a state of siege, other than that area, people are normally allowed to enter and exit. Considering this situation, we presume vessels would be safe if they do not berth at Huisheng and Euroasia Terminal. Whilst for the sake of protection, it is advisable to equip protective appliances for crews. For crews working on deck, they are recommended to clean their overalls on a daily basis.

Recommendations

1. The cargo in the open storage, especially steel cargo, is possibly affected by the explosive dust. Therefore the appointed pre-loading surveyor shall be especially cautious of the condition of cargo and make proper remarks.
2. In order to best protect crew's safety, it is necessary to provide protective appliances for crews.

The situation is still changing very rapidly here. We shall keep an eye on development and keep you duly updated.

Hope the above is of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shan Hong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shan Hong
Vice President