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To the Members

Dear Sirs,

**Chinese Quarantine Authorities Requires Mosquito Eradication Certificate
for Vessels from ZIKA Affected Areas**

We have obtained the information on the captioned topic by our correspondent in China, Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Ltd. Please find the attached circular.

In addition to the circular, we have obtained following information from our correspondents.

- According to the information we have obtained locally, Tianjin port and ports on Yangtze river including Shanghai, Nantong, Zhangjiagang, etc. don't require mosquito eradication certificate. But the vessels will be subject to CIQ on board inspection in terms of mosquito.
- Regarding the requirement of Mosquito Eradication Certificate, the requirement only applies to vessels calling directly from a Zika virus affected country to China. The notice doesn't specify any time period in this respect. Anyway, as the practice may vary at different ports, members are recommended to check with the local agent prior to ship's calling.

We hope it will be of help to you with regard to the safe voyage.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sirs or Madam,

Subject: Chinese Quarantine Authorities Requires Mosquito Eradication Certificate for Vessels from ZIKA Affected Areas

On 02 March 2016, Chinese Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau ("CIQ") issued "Notice on Prevention and Control of Zika Virus into China", as part of Chinese government's upgraded efforts to prevent Zika virus into China.

Requirements to Crewmembers and Vessels

According to the notice, people from the countries or areas where infection cases have been reported should declare to CIQ before entering or leaving the country in case they suffer from fever, headache, muscle and joint pain or rash, and should fully cooperate with local CIQ for temperature detection, medical check and epidemiological investigation.

Furthermore, transportation vehicles and containers coming from the above mentioned countries and areas should take effective measures to eradicate mosquito. Vessels shall hold mosquito eradication certificate issued by the authorities of the affected countries, otherwise, immediate eradication should be taken under the supervision of CIQ. Strict quarantine inspection should be taken to transportation vehicles, cargo, containers, luggage and postal parcels from those countries and areas.

Validity Period

The notice is supposed to take effect from 02 March 2016 and be valid for 12 months.

Affected Areas

The countries and areas where Zika virus infection cases were found are listed as follows:

America:

Aruba, Bonaire, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Costa Rica, Curacao, Dominica, Ecuador, Salvador, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Saint Martin, Sint Maarten, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Surinam, United States Virgin Islands, Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago;

Oceania:

American Samoa, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Fiji;

Asia:

Maldives, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Laos;

Africa:

Cape Verde, Gabon.

The above list is subject to renewal as epidemic situation develops. In case any other countries report Zika virus cases after issuance of this notice, same requirements should apply.

Implementation by Local CIQ Offices

Upon checking with local CIQ authorities via our branch offices, we understand the inspection procedures at different ports may vary.

At some ports such as Dalian, Xiamen, Guangzhou and Fuzhou etc., mosquito eradication certificate shall be presented during port entry formalities; otherwise, local CIQ will require mosquito eradication measures be conducted on board under their supervision.

At some other ports such as Tianjin, the certificate is not a necessity for port entry formalities, but vessels are still subject to inspection and investigation by local CIQ officer to check if there are mosquitos or mosquito eggs on board.

Recommendations

In view of the enhanced inspection and requirement by Chinese quarantine authorities against Zika virus, vessels that sail from ports in the affected

countries to China are recommended to obtain a mosquito eradication certificate issued by authorities of the affected country if possible, so as to avoid any possible delay or trouble when calling China. In case no such certificate has been obtained, vessels are suggested to cooperate with local CIQ on their inspection or disinfection actions.

Hope the above is of assistance. Any query, please feel free to contact us at pni.bj@huatai-serv.com.

Best regards,

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