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To the Members

Uruguay — Mpox Outbreak in Africa: Precautions for Vessels Entering Uruguay

We have obtained information regarding precautions for vessels entering Uruguay concerning Mpox outbreak in Africa from the local correspondent CHADWICK WEIR NAVEGACION S.A.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently declared a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" due to the outbreak of Mpox in many countries across Africa. As a result of this declaration, vessels arriving in Uruguay from Africa, or that have called at any port in Africa within the past 15 days, are required to adhere to the following measures.

1. Medical check

Local medical service providers have recommended that any seafarer displaying symptoms of fever should be checked by a physician on board to determine whether they have contracted Mpox.

2. Notification

Seafarers with fever symptoms should not be taken off board and should be reported to the local authorities immediately.

As this situation may impact vessels navigating in the region, we advise you to consult with local agents as needed.

Yours faithfully,

The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association

Attachment: CHADWICK WEIR NAVEGACION S.A Circular ROU/8/24

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MONKEYPOX

As you surely are aware of, a health emergency has been recently declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) due to a new outbreak of Monkeypox in many countries of Africa.

Given the above, local medical service providers have recommended that any crewmember with symptoms of fever coming to Uruguayan ports from Africa, or that has been in Africa within the last 15 days, should be checked by a physician on board in order to detect or rule out said disease.

Crewmembers with febrile symptoms should not be taken off board.

Local authorities should be notified immediately if the above situation appears.

It is suggested that Members are informed of this situation, which could affect their vessels trading in the area.

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