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To: The Member Offices of the G.S.C.C.

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Dear Sirs,

### **ZIKA Virus - Mosquito Eradication Certificates in China**

Further to GSCC Circular 5692 on ZIKA Virus, additional measures for the Prevention and Control of the ZIKA Virus into China have been provided by London P&I Club's Correspondents, Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Ltd., through their recently issued Circular.

According to the Club, the ZIKA prevention measures are being implemented by the Chinese Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau (CIQ) since 2 March 2016, and include the following requirements:

- For persons who have been in ZIKA affected areas and are suffering from fever, headache, muscle and joint pain or rash, to declare this to the CIQ before entering/leaving China.
- For vessels that have called at ZIKA affected areas to have taken measures to eradicate mosquitos/mosquito eggs and ideally to hold a Mosquito Eradication Certificate issued by the authorities of the affected countries.

The Club's Correspondent reports that the approach of local CIQs to the latter may differ. The Mosquito Eradication Certificate should be presented during port entry formalities at Dalian, Xiamen, Guangzhou and Fuzhou etc., otherwise the local CIQ will require (and supervise) measures to eradicate mosquitoes on board. Whilst at other ports, ex. Tianjin, the Mosquito Eradication Certificate may not be required by the local CIQ, vessels may be subject to inspection/investigation by local CIQ officers for mosquitos and/or mosquito eggs on-board. As such, it may be expedient to obtain a Mosquito Eradication Certificate in any event to minimise potential delays.

Further details of the above requirements can be found in the aforementioned Circular.

*Yours sincerely,*

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## **Circular Ref No.: PNI1603**

Date: 14 March 2016

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, Guatemal, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Saint Martin, SintMaarten, saintvincent and the grenadines, Surinam, United States Virgin Islands, Venezuel, 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](mailto:pni.bj@huatai-serv.com).

Best regards,

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