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THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS: IMPACT ON MARITIME OPERATIONS IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC)

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) continues to impact maritime operations at various ports in the PRC. Your Managers have been updated as to the following requirements and restrictions:

1. Health declaration requirements before berthing:

- * Tianjin and Xiamen: Submission of a Health Declaration Form is required before a vessel's berthing. The form is attached hereto for reference purposes.
- * Dalian: Customs officers will attend on board the vessel and take the temperature of each member of the crew.

2. Vessels with crew from vessels having port calls in Wuhan or Hubei Province on board will be subject to focused monitoring. Vessels from Putian and Quanzhou of Fujian Province may not be allowed to berth. Vessels from Ningbo may be required to be isolated for 14 days before berthing.

3. Substitution of crew is also restricted. The ports of Shanghai, Xiamen, Ningbo, Tianjin, Dalian have forbidden such substitution. The ports of Qingdao and Guangzhou are applying heavy restrictions, absent special circumstances.

4. Crew disembarkation is highly restricted at all ports.

5. During berthing at a port, the crew should take preventive measures regardless of the restrictions. However, for the ports of Dalian, Xiamen, Guangzhou, the crew must wear a facial mask when in contact with others in the port. In Tianjin, the crew must wear facial masks and temperature tests should be taken every day. When any crew has fever, the Customs should be informed immediately.

Since the most important aim of the measures implemented by Chinese authorities is to avoid the spread of coronavirus which originated from Wuhan, Hubei province, there are no specific restrictions for vessels from abroad calling at Chinese seaports.

However, some general effects on shipping are inevitable. They include:

Port Congestion/Port Operation

1. Loading and discharging operations have slowed down due to the lack of stevedores.

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2. Land and transportation of cargo into and out of ports are insufficient since non-locally licensed trucks are restricted to enter into the port area.
3. As vessels are restricted in calling at Wuhan port, transshipment of cargo by inland river feeder vessels in and out the ports in the Yangtze River is consequently affected. Ports affected by these restrictions include Shanghai, Tianjin, Huanghua, Lianyungang, Jingtang and Caofeidian. Ports not particularly substantially affected to date include Dalian, Qingdao, Xiamen and Guangzhou.

The port of Zhangjiagang and the ports nearby in the Yangtze River have been mildly congested by heavy fog in the past week, rather than by the outbreak of coronavirus.

Supply of Provisions

Generally speaking, supply of provisions to foreign vessels is not restricted, however the following should be provided for the following ports:

- * Tianjin: Supply of provisions demands must be declared 24 hours in advance.
- * Qingdao and ports nearby: Some of the provisions are limited. Local agents should be consulted.
- * Dalian: The provisions may be quarantined by customs, as usual.

Ship Repair

Due to a shortage of labor, the schedule of ship repair might be affected. For example, in Zhoushan the local government restricted the entrance of vehicles with licenses from other places, as well as people from other places. This has affected the efficiency of the shipyards in Zhoushan, whose output has decreased substantially.

Cargo Preparation

Some export cargo might not be delivered to the loading ports in time due to transportation restrictions in and out of Hubei Province. It is reported that the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) will offer *force majeure* certificates to local companies, if they are unable to fulfil their international contractual obligations due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Members are invited to consider all the above, and be guided accordingly.

The American Club's correspondent, Huatai Insurance Agency & Consulting Services, Ltd., are thanked most warmly for their assistance in this matter.



CHINA RE

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[Huatai Info] - on Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia Outbreak - 3rd Feb., 2020

Dear Sirs,

Following our recent advice on the situation of Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia Outbreak in China, we hereby summarize the protection and control measures implemented by the port Authorities of each major Chinese port which reported by our local colleagues as below for your kind reference.

1. Health declaration before berthing:
 - Tianjin and Xiamen: Health Declaration Form is required before vessel's berthing. The Form is attached hereto for your reference.
 - Dalian: the Customs' officers will attend on board the vessel and take temperature of each crew.
2. Vessels with crew from Wuhan or Hubei Province on board would be monitored especially.
 - Putian and Quanzhou of Fujian Province: may not be allowed to take berth.
 - Ningbo: the vessel probably has to be isolated for 14 days before taking berth.
3. Substitution of crew is limited.
 - Shanghai, Xiamen, Ningbo, Tianjin, Dalian: forbidden by the port Authorities.
 - Qingdao and Guangzhou: forbidden in principle, unless under some special circumstances.
4. Crew disembarkation is strictly restricted by all ports.
5. During berth in the port, the crew should take preventive measures.
 - Dalian, Xiamen, Guangzhou: The crew must wear a facial mask when he has contact with others in the port.
 - Tianjin: The crew must wear a facial mask and temperature test should be taken every day. When any crew has fever, the Customs should be reported immediately.

As the most important aim of the measures implemented by Chinese authorities is to avoid spread of coronavirus which originated from Wuhan, Hubei province, there is no specific restriction for vessels from abroad to call at Chinese sea ports. However, indirect effects on the shipping industry would be inevitable. Here are some disadvantage effects we have noted:

Port congestion / port operation

1. The loading/discharging operation slow down due to lack of stevedores.
2. The land transportation of cargo into the port or from the port is insufficient since trucks without local license are restricted to enter into the port area.
3. As vessels are restricted to call at Wuhan port, transshipment of cargo by inland river feeder vessels in and out the ports in the Yangtze River is obviously affected.

Ports effected:

- Shanghai, Tianjin, Huanghua, Lianyungang, Jingtang and Caofeidian

Ports not obviously effected:

- Dalian, Qingdao, Xiamen and Guangzhou

We learned that Zhangjiagang Port and the ports nearby in Yangtze River were sort of congested due to heavy fog from time to time in the past week instead of the outbreak of coronavirus.

Supply of Provisions

Generally speaking, supply of provisions to foreign vessels is not restricted.

- Tianjin: Demand of Supply of Provisions be declared 24 hours in advance.
- Qingdao and ports nearby: Has limit to some of the provisions. Please check with local agents.
- Dalian: The provisions should be quarantined by Customs as usual.

Ship Repair

Due to lack of workers, the schedule of ship repair might be affected.

- Zhoushan: as the local Government restricted the entrance of vehicles with license of other places and people from other places, the efficiency of the shipyards in Zhoushan decreased substantially.

Cargo Preparing

Some exported cargo could not be delivered to the loading ports in time due to transportation restriction in and out of Hubei Province. It is reported that China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) would offer force majeure certificates to local companies, if they are unable to fulfill their international contractual obligations due to the coronavirus outbreak. We suggest you/members to seek legal opinions on performance of C/P.

Hope the above would be of any help. If you have any further queries, please

do not hesitate to contact us. We are ready to render our assistance 7/24 as usual.

Sincerely yours,

Huatai Marine Teams

Attachment: Health Declaration Form



**EXIT/ENTRY HEALTH DECLARATION FORM
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Dear Passengers, for your health and that of others, please fill out this *Exit/Entry Health Declaration Form* truthfully. If you conceal or falsely declare the information, you will be held accountable according to the *Frontier Health and Quarantine Law of the People's Republic of China*.

Exit Entry

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: year month day

Nationality and City of Residence: _____

1. Passport No.: _____

Flight (Ship/Train/Vehicle) No.: _____ Seat No.: _____

Destination: _____

2. **Contact Number During Your Stay in China:** _____

3. Have you been to **Hubei Province**, China in the past 14 days? No Yes

Have you had direct contact with patients from **Hubei Province**, China who had such symptoms as fever, fatigue, coughing, among others, in the past 14 days?
No Yes

4. Do you have one or more of the following symptoms? No Yes

Fever Fatigue Coughing other symptoms _____

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature

Date