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# REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS CALLING AT PORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) FROM ZIKA VIRUS AFFECTED COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES

Reference is made to <u>Circular No. 06/16</u>, *The Zika Virus*, which notifies Members of the risks associated with this *Aedes* mosquito borne disease. It has been brought to your Managers' attention that the Republic of Korea's National Quarantine Station (NQS) has updated its arrival instructions applicable to vessels arriving from 40 countries identified as having reported Zika Virus transmissions.

#### Requirements

The following NQS requirements apply for vessels arriving to ROK ports from one of the 40 listed Zika Virus infected countries:

- Vessels having called at, including transit, one of the listed countries within the
  previous 30 days, shall be disinfected and submit a Self-Disinfection Certificate to the
  NQS prior to arrival that is recommended to contain, and noted on the certificate, a
  "pyrethroid ingredient" by reference to the disinfectant used. A copy of the SelfDisinfection Certificate is attached.
- Vessels arriving at ports in the ROK that have called at affected countries, including transit, within 14 days from the date of arrival at an ROK port, will be boarded by a quarantine inspector to check the health of the crew, even if a Self-Disinfection Certificate may have been submitted.
- Vessels arriving at a port in the ROK that have called at affected countries, including transit, between 15 and 30 days from the date of arrival at an ROK port, will not be boarded by a quarantine inspector to check the health of the crew, even if a Self-Disinfection Certificate may have been submitted.
- Vessels arriving from, including transit, either the Philippines or Thailand within 30 days from the date of arrival at an ROK port, will not be boarded and disinfection is considered to be complete if a Self-Disinfection Certificate has been submitted.

If a Self-Disinfection Certificate is not provided upon arrival in the ROK, the vessel will be instructed to disinfect prior to commencing cargo operations and may be subject to restricted movements by port or quarantine authorities. Ships agents, by order of local quarantine authorities, can arrange for local ROK fumigation companies to disinfect the vessel. Local fumigation companies are considered appropriate to disinfect the vessel prior to

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commencement of load/discharge using delramethrine 2.5g as a disinfectant. The operation takes approximately two hours. It is also required that crew members stay onboard the vessel during disinfection operations.

In addition, guarantine officers may perform a sanitary inspection of the vessel to ensure compliance even if the vessel has a Self-Disinfection Certificate. If there are any mosquitos. larvae or mosquito eggs found during the onboard guarantine inspection, the vessel is to carry out disinfection by local fumigation company.

#### ROK NQS list of Zika Virus infected countries and territories

The countries and territories that are currently on the ROK NQS's list are as follows:

American Samoa, Aruba, Barbados, Bolivia, Bonheur, Brazil, Cape Verde, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, French Guiana, Guadeloupe Island, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Marshall Islands, Martinique, Mexico, New Caledonia, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Republic of Suriname, Saint Martin, Saint Vincent & Grenadines, Samoa, St. Maarten, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, US Virgin Islands, and Venezuela.

In addition, two Asian countries are reported to have incidents of Zika Virus infection: the Philippines and Thailand.

Members should be aware that this list may be updated and should check with their local agents in the ROK for any amendments to the abovementioned list.

#### The American Club website section on infectious diseases

Members are asked to note that all updates on the status of the Zika Virus outbreak will be posted on the Club's website at:

#### http://www.american-club.com/page/infectious diseases

This site also includes information on the Ebola virus disease, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) virus, and malaria. Updates on infectious disease outbreaks, any port and immigration requirements for seafarers or passengers, and all other relevant preventative guidance, will be posted to this section of the Club's website as information is made available to your Managers.

Your Managers thank Club Correspondents, Hyopsung Shipping Corporation, for this update.

# 자체방제 증명서 Self disinfection certificate

명 (입항일자) 기카바이러스 오염지역 또는 태국에서 출항하는 선박으로 자체방제를 다음과 같이 실시하였으므로 그 결과를 증명합니다.

「 Name of ship (Arrival Date)」 We hereby certify that the self-disinfection of this vessel departed from the contaminated area of Zika virus or Thailand is completed.

#### □ 자체방제 등 내용 [Contents of self disinfection]

구 분	내 용	비고
Classification	Substance	Remarks
실시일자	년(yy) 월(mm) 일(dd)	
Date of operation	근(yy) 설(IIIII) 글(dd	
방제장소		
The place of control of		
insect pests		
약품명		
The name of chemicals		
약품사용량		
The amount of chemicals used		
보건위생교육		
및 기타 사항		
Education of health ·		
sanitation and others		
감독자	(서명 Signature)	
Surveillant		
확인자(선장)	(서명 Signature)	
Master	(AIS SIGNATURE)	

제 출 일 자(Date) : 년(YY) 월(MM) 일(DD)

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