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Audience:	ALL OPERATORS OF U.S. FLAG, EFFECTIVE U.S. CONTROLLED VESSELS, U.S. MERCHANT MARINERS AND OTHER MARITIME INTERESTS
Subject:	ZIKA VIRUS IMPACTS ON MARITIME COMMERCE

1. U.S.-FLAG OPERATORS ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD THIS ADVISORY TO THEIR SHIPS BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS
2. INTERNATIONAL SPREAD OF THE ZIKA VIRUS IS A SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGE AND IS EXPECTED TO HAVE INCREASING IMPACTS ON MARITIME COMMERCE. THIS ADVISORY UPDATES INFORMATION ON ZIKA PROVIDED IN MARAD ADVISORY 2016-02.
3. BASED ON LOCAL TRANSMISSION OF THE ZIKA VIRUS IN FLORIDA, IN AUGUST 2016 THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) ADDED THE U.S. TO THE LIST OF COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY ZIKA. AS A RESULT, SOME NATIONS MAY REQUIRE DISINSECTION (MOSQUITO ERADICATION) OF VESSELS AND/OR CARGO ARRIVING FROM THE UNITED STATES. SOME FOREIGN NATION DISINSECTION REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT YET FULLY DEVELOPED OR IMPLEMENTED, AND IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER SUCH REQUIREMENTS WILL BE APPLIED TO VESSELS ARRIVING FROM ALL U.S. PORTS OR ONLY FROM PORTS IN THE AFFECTED AREAS. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER VESSEL AND/OR CARGO DISINSECTION AN EFFECTIVE ZIKA COUNTERMEASURE AND IS NOT CONSIDERING DISINSECTION MEASURES FOR VESSELS ARRIVING IN U.S. PORTS. (SEE [HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/ZIKA/VECTOR/DISINSECTION.HTML](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/vector/disinsection.html)).
4. U.S. VESSEL OPERATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW ANY PUBLISHED FOREIGN DISINSECTION REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS CONTACT MANAGING AGENTS IN FOREIGN PORTS FOR INFORMATION ON LOCAL ZIKA DISINSECTION REQUIREMENTS. VESSEL OPERATORS SHOULD CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE U.S. EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE IF NECESSARY AND SHOULD REPORT TO THE EMBASSY AND TO

MARADSECURITY@DOT.GOV ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH LOCAL DISINSECTION REQUIREMENTS. REPORTS MAY ALSO BE MADE ONLINE TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT ([HTTP://TRADE.GOV/CONTACT.ASP](http://TRADE.GOV/CONTACT.ASP)) AND THE FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE (FAS) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AT ([HTTP://APPS.FAS.USDA.GOV/OVERSEAS_POST_DIRECTORY/INDEX.ASP](http://APPS.FAS.USDA.GOV/OVERSEAS_POST_DIRECTORY/INDEX.ASP)). INFORMATION ON CHINA'S DISINSECTION REQUIREMENTS IS POSTED ON THE FAS WEBSITE AT ([HTTP://WWW.FAS.USDA.GOV/DATA/CHINAS-REQUIREMENTS-SHIPMENTS-ZIKA-INFECTED-COUNTRIES](http://WWW.FAS.USDA.GOV/DATA/CHINAS-REQUIREMENTS-SHIPMENTS-ZIKA-INFECTED-COUNTRIES)).

5. THE CDC WEBSITE AT ([HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/ZIKA/](http://WWW.CDC.GOV/ZIKA/)) PUBLISHES CURRENT INFORMATION ON ZIKA-AFFECTED AREAS, TRAVEL NOTICES, AND ZIKA TRANSMISSION AND PREVENTION. THE U.S. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ALSO RECENTLY PUBLISHED INTERIM GUIDANCE ON PROTECTING WORKERS FROM OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO ZIKA VIRUS AT ([HTTPS://WWW.OSHA.GOV/ZIKA](https://WWW.OSHA.GOV/ZIKA)). MARINERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT THESE RESOURCES REGULARLY.

6. U.S. COAST GUARD MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 01-16 (CHANGE 2) AT WWW.USCG.MIL/MSIB REMAINS IN FORCE FOR INFORMATION ON MARITIME INDUSTRY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSEL CREWMEMBERS OR PASSENGERS WHO MAY BE EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF ZIKA VIRUS.

7. THIS ADVISORY IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. CANCEL MARAD ADVISORY 2016-02.

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