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Stricter Epidemic Control on Boarding Personnel at Ports of Guangzhou

Dear Sirs/ Madam,

Stricter epidemic control on boarding personnel has been announced by Nansha District of Guangzhou City On January 7, 2021, named "Procedures of Boarding Operations and Change of Crew for Ships of International, Hong Kong and Macao Routes at Nansha Port Area (The Third Edition)".

Content Involved

The process of epidemic control is stipulated in Article II, according to which, persons who board the ships of international, Hong Kong and Macao routes berthing at Nansha for operations, no matter they face to the crew members on board the ships or not, are required:

- 1) to be registered on a list, and
- 2) to have been vaccinated against COVID-19, and
- 3) to have had a training of epidemic prevention measures by port operators.

Effect

- 1) Agents, surveyors and other personnel for boarding operations or services are all applicable to this provision.
- 2) Only listed persons, including surveyors, who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and have had a training of epidemic prevention measures by port operators could be permitted to board the ships for any operation.
- 3) It would be quite challenging to arrange the inspection/condition survey on board the ships in the near future as few surveyors are eligible at present.
- 4) As far as we know, although this announcement is from Nansha which is just a district of Guangzhou, most ports in or near Guangzhou are taking similar epidemic control measures.

Our Responses

We will track the boarding personnel list and keep close relationships with the listed surveyors/companies. We will make the survey on board be arranged to the greatest extent.

In the meantime, for the circumstances that survey on board is not definitely necessary, alternative plans might be suggested as a substitute.

Please contact us as early as possible if a survey on board would be required.

We are always here to be of assistance to the Clubs and their Members.

Best regards,



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President