

CHINA. NOTICE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AREAS ON ADJUSTING THE SYSTEM OF SUMMER FISHING BAN.

Ingosstrakh's P&I Correspondent in China Messrs. Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Ltd informs on recent announcement issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Areas on adjusting the system of summer fishing ban of the People's Republic of China (Circular [2021] No. 1 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Areas) ("The Notice"), from May 1st 2021, the fishing ban at coastal areas of China shall come into force for about 3 to 4 months.

It is suggested that the density of fishing boats at sea will be higher at the time of beginning and end of the fishing ban. To avoid involving in unnecessary incident, the vessels are suggested to maintain a proper lookout, and keep close contact with the VTS center and the pilot station during this special time.

On the other hand, as the fishery administration of coastal provinces may implement stricter measures on fishing ban according to its local reality, we suggest that Insured Owners could further check with local agents for more information when necessary.

The original contents of the Notice are free-translated as below:

1. Sea Area of Fishing Ban

- (1) The Bohai Sea
- (2) The Yellow Sea
- (3) The East China Sea
- (4) The South China Sea (including Beibu Gulf) to the north latitude 12 degrees

2. Types of Fishing Ban

Except for using fishing tackle, all types of fishing including auxiliary fishing vessels that serving fishing vessels are prohibited.

3. Period of Fishing Ban

- (1) The Bohai Sea and the Yellow Sea area to the north latitude 35°: From 12:00 p.m. of 1 May 2021 to 12:00 p.m. of 1 September 2021.
- (2) The Yellow Sea and the East China Sea area between north latitude 35° and 26°30': From 12:00 p.m. of 1 May 2021 to 12:00 p.m. of 16 September 2021. The fishing ban for trawlers using spar drag for shrimp, pots cast, gill nets, and lighting enclosure (cladding) net: From 12:00 p.m. of 1 May 2021 to 12:00 p.m. of 1 August 2021.

(3) The East China Sea and the South China Sea area between north latitude 26°30' and 12°: From 12:00 p.m. of 1 May 2021 to 12:00 p.m. of 16 August 2021.

(4) From 12:00 p.m. of 1 May 2021, it is prohibited for small trawlers to conduct any fishing operation for at least three months. The ending time of fishing ban shall be determined by the fishery administration department of coastal provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities which should be reported to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Areas for registration.

(5) The specific fishing license can be implemented when dealing with some special economic varieties. The varieties operation time, operation type and operation sea area shall be reported to the fishery administration department of coastal provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs for approval before implementation.

(6) In principle, auxiliary fishing vessels are requested to comply with the longest fishing banning where they are located. If it is necessary to provide supporting services for some fishing vessels with less damage to resources before the end of fishing ban, the proposal shall be drafted by the fishery administration department of coastal provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities and reported to the Ministry of agriculture and rural areas for approval before implementation.

(7) Vessels with fishing tackle shall strictly follow the reporting rules of entering or leaving the port. It is strictly forbidden to violate the rules on fishing license regarding the types of operation, places, time limit, and number of fishing gear. The catch should be collected at a fixed location under the authority's checking and supervision.

(8) In principle, fishing vessel shall return to its registered port during the period of fishing ban. If the fishing vessels are unable to return to its registered port for some special reasons, they should make an application to fishery authorities where the port is located. The vessel will be arranged to park in the designated dock with the local vessels in the provinces, autonomous regions or municipalities. If the fishing port capacity is limited within the province, it shall be arranged through communication between the provincial fishery department and the relevant provincial fishery department.

(9) According to *Regulations on the administration of fishing license*, fishing vessels are forbidden to cross the boundary of sea area for fishing operation.

(10) The fishery administration department of coastal provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities may implement stricter measures for resource protection in accordance with local conditions and on the basis of state regulations.

4. Effective Date

The regulations shall come into force on 22 February 2021 and Notice of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Areas on adjusting the system of summer fishing ban (Circular [2018] No. 1 of the Ministry of Agriculture) shall be abolished accordingly.

SINGAPORE. NEW SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES - CONTACTLESS (SEGREGATED) CARGO OPERATIONS.

Port of Singapore Authority has published a Circular concerning the enhanced safe management measures at PSA Singapore terminals.

The extract from the text of Circular is here below:

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CIRCULAR NO. SHD/G/01052021

3 May 2021

Shipping Lines

Master of Vessels

Cc MPA Port Master

Singapore Shipping Association

Singapore Association of Shippers and Services

ENHANCED SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES AT PSA SINGAPORE TERMINALS - CONTACTLESS (SEGREGATED) CARGO OPS 1.

This circular supersedes CIRCULAR NO. SHD/G/01042021 dated 30 Apr 2021 with effect from 3 May 2021 and updates the safe management measures for contactless (segregated) cargo ops.

2. PSA Singapore will be enhancing safe measures at all its terminals with immediate effect in view of heightened risk of the spread of COVID-19 infection.

3. All vessels berthing at PSA Singapore Terminals must conduct contactless (segregated) cargo operations. This means that during cargo operations, the vessel crew are to stay within the accommodation area of the vessel and to avoid contact with the stevedores working on board the vessels. The details of the procedures for this operation is as shown in the list below.

4. In addition, all crew are required to comply and adopt safe measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection. Crew are to wear a mask at all times when outside the vessel's accommodation, continue to practice good personal hygiene, maintain a safe distance of 2 meters from the stevedores, and minimize any contact with shore-based personnel.

5. By observing these enhanced Safe Management Measures, we hope to safeguard the health and safety of the vessel's crew and our workforce.

6. Please inform the Master of vessels at least 48 hours before the vessels arrive in Singapore waters of this requirement.

7. Please continue with the Maritime declaration of health as this form part of the measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) into Singapore. Please refer to MPA Port Marine Circular No.16 of 2020.

8. You may contact the respective Terminal Managers directly for further guidance.

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IMPLICATIONS OF THE COVID 19 IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA

Ingosstrakh's P&I Correspondent in Caribbean region Messrs. Caribbean Marine, as usual, are very kind to provide new comprehensive update on current situation and on prevention and control measures implemented by local administrations in response to the latest outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) in region.

BAHAMAS:

The government of the Bahamas maintains the protocol and requirements previously established for the entry of travelers to the island:

- All persons traveling to the Bahamas must obtain a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test taken no more than 5 days prior to the arrival date.
- Once a negative in a COVID-19 RT-PCR test has been obtained, the health visa must be applied for to travel to the Bahamas on the web: <https://travel.gov.bs>
- Fully vaccinated travelers must carry valid proof of vaccination. The vaccination test must confirm that they have exceeded the two-week period of immunity.
- The status of the visa application must be verified in order to travel.
- Travelers must print the approved travel visa response (green) issued electronically.
- All visitors arriving in the Bahamas must take out health insurance coverage when applying for the Health Visa to travel to the Bahamas.
- All persons entering the Bahamas or traveling between islands from Nassau and Paradise Island or Grand Bahama Island, and staying at their destination for more than 4 nights and 5 days will be required to take a rapid antigen test for COVID-19 (If applicable).
- All persons traveling to and through the Bahamas will be required to complete a short health survey daily, which must be completed on arrival and each day thereafter for a maximum of 14 days, or the duration of their stay, whichever be shorter.

On May 11th, 2021, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bahamas issued a press release informing the extension of the ban on Travelers from Haiti with effective 12 May 2021 for 30 days.

The restrictions and protocols related with the prevention of the spread the COVID 19 announced by the authorities at all Ports remain applicable and compulsory (please see last update).

Crew changes is allowed.

In case that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, health authorities has to be informed and they will be the one who authorized the disembark to shore medical assistance in the public or private hospital system.

COLOMBIA:

The Colombia government has not announced change regarding the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The restrictions and protocols related with the prevention of the spread the COVID 19 announced by the authorities at all Ports remain applicable and compulsory.

Crew changes are allowed with restrictions.

In case that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, health authorities has to be informed and they will be the one who authorized the disembark to shore medical assistance in the public or private hospital system.

CUBA:

On December 28, 2020, the authorities of the Ministry of Health announced the application of the restriction of the mobility of people and vehicles is maintained in the 15 municipalities of Havana, from 9 pm to 5 am.

All travelers arriving in Cuba must present a negative result of a PCR test for COVID-19 from a certified laboratory in the country of origin of their trip, carried out in a period of 72 hours prior to their arrival in the country. They must also undergo another PCR test upon arrival at the airport at their own expense. Travelers should then proceed to designated hotel facilities to be quarantined for a minimum of 5 days. They will undergo another PCR test during quarantine. The isolation period ends when the travelers have the negative result of the second PCR carried out in Cuba.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 announced by the authorities in all ports remain applicable and mandatory.

The ban on crew changes continues.

In the event that any crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, the health authorities must be informed and authorize the disembarkation for medical assistance on the ground in the hospital system.

CURACAO:

According to the announcement No. 169 of Curacao's Government on April 17, 2021 applicable from April 20, 2021, anyone traveling to the island from a high-risk country, region or place must perform an antigen test three (3) days later upon prior arrival. Each passenger must make an appointment and pay for the antigen test at least 48 hours prior departure to Curaçao. The corresponding proof must be submitted along with the negative result of the PCR test (no more than 72 hours) and the Passenger Locator Card (PLC) through www.dicardcuracao.com. All these documents must be presented in hard copy upon arrival.

According to the announcement of the government of Curaçao No. 172 on April 19, 2021, the following countries are considered low risk: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bermuda Island, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saba, Saint Bartholomew, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Maarten, Saint Martin, Saint Eustatius, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Turks and Caicos. The other countries are considered high risk. This list is subject to change based on the latest developments around COVID- 19 in each country.

From May 4 to May 19, 2021, a curfew will be applied throughout the country from 9:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. All crew changes are subject to approval by the COVID Crisis team and they will arrange all transportation. The following documents must be presented at least 5 days before the crew change: copy of passport, navigation book, medical certificate, maritime health status and any other information that might be relevant to inform to the authorities.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 established by the authorities in all ports remain mandatory.

In the event that any crew member presents an injury or illness other than COVID-19, the health authorities must be informed and they will authorize the disembarkation to receive medical assistance in the hospital system.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

Travelers no longer need to provide a negative PCR or COVID-19 test upon arrival. Instead, airports and ports of entry will conduct a quick and random breath test on 3% to 15% of passengers and all those with symptoms upon arrival. All passengers must also carry out a temperature check. Passengers who show symptoms or whose test results are positive will be isolated and treated in authorized places.

According to Decree 253-21 on April 16, 2021 until May 16, 2021 the following measures will be in force, among other:

- Curfew in the national territory, from Monday to Friday from 10:00 pm at 5:00 am and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 pm until

5:00 am, with a grace of free movement every day until 12:00 am. During curfew hours, it is allowed the circulation of international passengers and operators of private or commercial vehicles that transport them, as well as employees of the maritime industry and duly identified air transport sector in transit to or from ports and airports. Transfers to and from airports can be made by presenting a passport or identity card and the passenger's flight itinerary.

- Public transport operates with schedules according to the curfew and physical distance of at least 1.5 meters.

Free platique has always been granted once the ship has docked and has been authorized by the authorities. The following is added to the medical protocol: the crew list, the last ten ports, the P&I

certificate and the declaration of maritime health must be sent to PFSO before the arrival of the ship. A ship that comes from ports in China, Italy, Spain, the United States and other places infected with COVID-19, must arrive at the ports of the Dominican Republic after 14 days of departure from said port or must wait the 14 days required in the sea and once the approved time has elapsed, if there are no sick crew members on board, the Medical Commission evaluates when it can dock.

Crew changes are allowed, however, authorization from the High Level Presidential Commission is required. Required documents: crew details, passport copy and preliminary flight details to request authorization.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 announced by the authorities in all ports continue to be applicable and mandatory.

There are precautionary tests on vessel's arrival conducted by the Port Authorities Medical Commission, temperature measure of all crew and checks them for other symptoms of COVID-19.

Health Personnel designated by the Ministry of Defense might carry out a medical examination of the vessel's crew at the berth, so all crew members must disembark from the ship when docking.

Medical assistance is possible subject to Health Authorities approval; however, it is currently very restrictive.

VENEZUELA:

No changes in the current measures regarding the prevention of the COVID 19 has been announced.

Air operations between Venezuela and Turkey, Mexico, Bolivia, Panama and the Dominican Republic remain open.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 announced by the authorities in all ports remain applicable and mandatory.

In the event that any crew member presents an injury or illness other than COVID 19, the health authorities must be informed and they will authorize the landing of medical assistance on the ground in the public or private hospital system.

The issuance of safe conducts to key workers in the sector (seafarers and personnel associated with the port-ship interface) continues, to guarantee their mobilization on land, as indicated by the Maritime Authority in Circular No. 014 (Special Notice 011 COVID-19) April 27, 2020.