



**Circular No.: SPI230101**

**Date: 13 January, 2023**

**Subject: Update - Epidemic Prevention Measures at Chinese Ports -**

Dear Sirs / Madams,

As you might be aware, the Chinese government changed in approach and lifted the various related restrictions on covid-19 since December 2022. We would like to share some information in relation to the update on general situation of epidemic prevention measures and changes at Chinese ports for your easy reference:

### **1. General situation**

On 26 December 2022, the National Health Commission of China issued the "Overall Plan for measures against covid-19 infection", according to which China would since 08 January 2023 manage COVID-19 with measures against Class B infectious diseases, instead of Class A infectious diseases, in a major shift of its epidemic response policies. In details, the person infected with covid-19 will no longer be isolated and their close contacts will no longer be identified, no longer delineating high and low risk areas, implementing hierarchical and classified admissions for infected people and adjusting medical security policies, adjusting nucleic acid testing, and adjust the frequency and content of epidemic information releases, etc.

COVID-19 testing and centralized isolation for all overseas travelers entering China will be canceled, and those with a normal health declaration and no abnormality in routine quarantines at the customs port can be green-lighted to social mobility.

### **2. Improvement on immigration management policies**

The National Immigration Administration of China issued an announcement on 27 December 2022 in order to improve immigration management policies and measures with effect from 08 January 2023. According to Article No.7 of the announcement, China will gradually resume customs clearance for passenger transport at water ports; allow qualified ports to resume entry and exit of liner passengers, issue embarkation documents and vessel berthing alongside documents in accordance with the law; issue temporary entry permits to foreign crewmembers who meet entry conditions; and cancel the "no disembarkation, no boarding, no getting alongside" management measures at Chinese ports.



### **3. Update on Crew change at Chinese ports**

The Ministry of Transport together with other related departments, issued a notice regarding the crew change on international sailing vessels, starting from 08 January 2023.

#### **(1) Abolish the approval procedures for crew change at Chinese ports**

The local authorities at Chinese ports will no longer implement the approval process for crew change (including crew disembarkation) of the international sailing vessels, and only need to carry out the formalities of immigration inspection for issuance of temporary entry permits. In other words, the covid-19 restrictions for crew change at Chinese port have now been lifted.

#### **(2) Facilitate the crew change and entry**

Nucleic acid testing and centralized quarantine will no longer be carried out for the crew members who are to sign off at Chinese ports. Crew members of international sailing vessels intending to change crew at Chinese ports shall take nucleic acid tests within 48 hours before the vessel leaves the last port outside China, and those who tested positive should be treated at the nearest port in time.

For the crew who cannot provide nucleic acid test results of within 48 hours before entry due to difficulty in travelling, the antigen test results can also be acceptable.

If the health declaration is normal and the customs' routine inspection finds no abnormality, the crew can be green-lighted to social mobility. If there is abnormality in health declaration is abnormal, the customs will establish the measures to be taken according to the exact situation.

### **4. Update on epidemic prevention measures at Chinese Ports**

We have recently received some enquiries from clubs/members in relation to the update on epidemic prevention measures at Chinese ports following the China's change in approach and opening up for covid. We have accordingly checked with local parties at Chinese ports and sorted out the related information, which is attached to this Circular for your easy reference. In general, the covid-19 restrictions at most Chinese ports have been gradually lifted, including that the covid-19 testing of crew is no longer required, and the disembarkation of crew and attendance of surveyor on board the vessel becomes feasible. Currently there are still some restrictions at small ports or set up by private terminals, but situation may change in the near future. For the vessels to call at Chinese ports, the Owners are always recommended to contact local agents or our local offices for the latest information/ requirement in case of need.



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We hope the above will be of some assistance. If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact with us.

Yours faithfully,

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### Chinese Ports - Epidemic Prevention Measures - Update on 13 January 2023

Area	Name of Port	Any covid-19 testing requirements	Whether the disembarkation of crew is allowed	Whether surveyor can attend on board vessel
Dalian and nearby ports	Dalian	covid-19 testing is no longer required	No, crew disembarkation is still restricted for the time being, but situation may change in near future	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Yingkou (Bayuquan)	covid-19 testing is no longer required	Yes, only need to go through the immigration formality to obtain the temporary entry permit	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Dandong	covid-19 testing is no longer required	No, crew disembarkation is still restricted for the time being, but situation may change in near future	No, the surveyor is still not allowed to attend on board for the time being
	Jinzhou	covid-19 testing is no longer required	No, crew disembarkation is still restricted for the time being, but situation may change in near future	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
Tianjin and nearby ports	Tianjin	covid-19 testing is no longer required	Yes, the crew need to declare his health status before disembarkation, and no nucleic acid test is required if there is no abnormality	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office.
	Caofeidian	covid-19 testing is no longer required	Yes, the crew need to declare his health status before disembarkation, and no nucleic acid test is required if there is no abnormality	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office, but some terminals still prohibit the surveyor's attendance on board for the time being
	Huanghua	covid-19 testing is no longer required	Yes, the crew need to declare his health status before disembarkation, and no nucleic acid test is required if there is no abnormality	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Jingtang	No specific requirement for covid-19 testing	Yes, the crew need to declare his health status before disembarkation, and no nucleic acid test is required if there is no abnormality	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office, but some terminals still prohibit the surveyor's attendance on board for the time being

	Qinhuangdao	covid-19 testing is no longer required	Yes, the crew need to declare his health status before disembarkation, and no nucleic acid test is required if there is no abnormality	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office, but some terminals still prohibit the surveyor's attendance on board for the time being
Qingdao and nearby ports	Qingdao	covid-19 testing is no longer required	Yes, only need to go through the immigration formality to obtain the temporary entry permit	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Weihai	covid-19 testing is no longer required	Yes, only need to go through the immigration formality to obtain the temporary entry permit	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Yantai	No specific requirement for covid-19 testing	Yes, only need to go through the immigration formality to obtain the temporary entry permit	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Lanshan	No specific requirement for covid-19 testing	Yes, only need to go through the immigration formality to obtain the temporary entry permit	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Rizhao	covid-19 testing is no longer required	No, crew disembarkation is still restricted for the time being	No, the surveyor is still not allowed to attend on board for the time being
	Lianyungang	covid-19 testing is no longer required	Yes, only need to go through the immigration formality to obtain the temporary entry permit	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
Shanghai and nearby ports in Yangze river	Shanghai	No specific requirement for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, only need to go through the immigration formality to obtain the temporary entry permit	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office, but a few private terminals still prohibit the surveyor's attendance on board for the time being
	ports in Yangze river (Nantong, Zhangjiagang, Jiangyin, Zhenjiang, Nanjing etc)	No requirement for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, only need to go through the immigration formality to obtain the temporary entry permit	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office, but a few private terminals still prohibit the surveyor's attendance on board for the time being, there is no restriction at public terminals

Yangtze River	Ningbo	No requiremnt for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, only need to go through the immigration formality to obtian the temporary entry permit	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office, and the surveyor is not allowed to stay on board overnight
	Zhoushan	No requiremnt for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, only need to go through the immigration formality to obtian the temporary entry permit	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office, but a few private terminals still prohibit the surveyor's attendance on board for the time being
Xiamen and nearby ports	Fuzhou	covid-19 self-testing 48 hrs before arrival	Yes, but the details of applying procedures has not been establised	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
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Guangzhou and nearby ports	Guangzhou	No requiremnt for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, crew disembarkation can be applied by normal procedures	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Shantou	No requiremnt for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, crew disembarkation can be applied by normal procedures	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Shenzhen	No requiremnt for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, crew disembarkation can be applied by normal procedures	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Zhanjiang	No requiremnt for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, crew disembarkation can be applied by normal procedures	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Fangcheng	No requiremnt for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, crew disembarkation can be applied by normal procedures	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
	Qinzhou	No requiremnt for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, crew disembarkation can be applied by normal procedures	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office
Hainan	Yangpu	No requiremnt for covid-19 testing anymore	Yes, crew disembarkation can be applied by normal procedures	Yes, the boarding permit can be applied by normal procedures of immigration office