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Ministry of Health

And Social Protection

The Minister

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To the Regional Directors of Health and Social Protection of the regions of : Casablanca Settat, Dakhla Oued Eddahab, L'Oriental, Guelmin Oued Noun, Laayoune Sakia El Hamra, Souss Massa, Marakech Safi and Tangiers Tetouan Al Hoceima

Re: Prevention of the risk of invasion of bed bugs
Exceptional actions for the control and inspection of vessels

Ref: Ministerial Circular N°16908 dated 4 October 2023

Within the scope of the actions for the prevention of the risk of invasion of bed bugs covered by the captioned Circular, I attach herewith two technical forms regarding the organisation of an inspection of a vessel coming from a French port and the list of insecticides to be used in case of need, in order to harmonize the required interventions.

A short report must be made after each inspection and a weekly activity report must be communicated to the hierarchy and the Directorate of Epidemiology and Disease Control.

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Attached documents:

- Technical and organisational procedure for the inspection of a vessel
- List of appropriate pesticides for disinsection operations
- Templates of reports of an inspection operation and of the weekly activity report

Copy:

- The General Secretary
- The General Inspector
- The Chief of Cabinet
- The Directors of the Central Administration

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Technical and organisational procedure for the inspection of vessels coming from French ports

I . Upon departure of the vessel from the port of origin, the ship agent must send the following documents:

1. The maritime health declaration;
2. The crew list;
3. The list of passengers;
4. The list of the 10 previous ports;
5. The certificate of disinsection.

II. The vessel must stay at the waiting anchorage and the health officers must go to the ship, in perfect coordination with the port authorities.

III. The control and inspection at the waiting anchorage, including the following actions:

1. The control of the documents listed above;
2. The control of the medical chest on board;
3. The thorough inspection of all the accommodation areas of the vessel as follows:

Direct visual detection: presence of moulting, eggs, larvae or adult insects
Indirect visual detection: bites or presence of blood stains
Indirect detection with the aid aof a UV lamp: dejections or blood stains

IV. Assessment of the risk at the end of the inspection

Stage of infestation	Description	Assessment	Actions to be taken
Stage 0	Absence of bugs	No infestation	Issuance of free pratique

Stage 1	Detection of bugs in just one bed and a perimeter 1 meter	Commencement of infestation	The treatment of the vessel must be required under the supervision of health officers, followed by the issuance of free pratique
Stage 2	Detection of bugs in one bed in the room (walls and structures surrounding the bed)	Developping infestation	
Stage 3	Detection of bugs in other rooms	Important infestation	The prohibition of the disembarking of passengers and discharging of cargo should be contemplated
Stage 4	Detection of bugs in all the ship's accommodation areas	Critical infestation	

V. Upon completion of each operation: the health officers must issue an inspection report according to the attached template, and send it to the central unit for boarder health control (DELM) and the administrative hierarchy.

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Action against the risk of invasion of bed bugs

Vessel inspection report

Name of port:

The inspection has been performed on/...../...../ atH.....min

Vessel:.....Type.....Flag.....

IMO:..... Last port:.....

Presentation of required documents :	Yes	No
Outcome of the visual inspection:	No infestation	Infestation
Disinsection upon arrival:	Yes	No
Free pratique:	Issued	Refused

Signature of the health officers who performed the inspection:

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Vessel inspection report

Name of port:

The inspection has been performed on/...../...../ atH.....min

Vessel:.....Type.....Number of passengers

Shipping company:.....Flag:.....

IMO:..... Last port:.....

Presentation of required documents :	Yes	No
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Verification of the medical chest:.....

Outcome of the visual inspection:	No infestation	Infestation
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Disinsection upon arrival:	Yes	No
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Free pratique:	Issued	Refused
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Signature of the health officers who performed the inspection:

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Weekly report of the inspections for the border control of bed bugs

DRS:.....

Week of/...../..... until/...../.....

Point of entry	Number of inspections performed	Number of disinsections performed	Pesticide used

Signature of the officer in charge of the border control:

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