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# China to Inspect and Quarantine Cargo for Zika Virus Prevention

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China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) has announced that the United States has been added to a list of over 40 other countries whose export shipments have been flagged for inspection and quarantine of when arriving to China ports, following the spread of the Zika virus. Shipment documentation must include a Disinfection Certificate from the port of origin, verified either by local authorities or a third party disinfection contractor. Cargo without certification will be subject to Zika anti-mosquito treatment in an effort to prevent spread of the virus to China.

[Per latest the AQSIQ announcement](#), all the port authorities in China are adopting effective measures to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and halt the spread of the Zika virus. Several ocean carriers have relayed AQSIQ's announcement, including NYK, MSC, and Evergreen. According to some carriers, the customer will be responsible for all costs related to the mosquito treatment, as the inspection and quarantine are not conducted by carriers but by terminal staff.

The list of countries affected by this announcement include most of those in the Central and South American regions, several Pacific island nations, Indonesia, Thailand, as well as Cape Verde and Guinea Bissau.

The first announcement in March only mandated that vessels be fumigated; recent updates have extended this to cargo as well. It is unclear at the time which authority AQSIQ will acknowledge—KWE will update on the matter as new information is released.



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