



## USDA Sheds Light on China's Recent Zika Virus Prevention Updates

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On August 19th, the United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS) issued a statement regarding [their understanding of China's recent measures](#) to prevent the spread of Zika virus through air and ocean export goods, not just the latter as previously thought.

The statement gives greater detail to China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), following an August 18th meeting between the US Embassy of Beijing and the AQSIQ's Department of Supervision and Health Quarantine. Based on that meeting, the FAS as outlined several terms of understanding that have been laid out in the above-issued statement. It is strongly recommended that all shippers, carriers, and customers carefully review the statement.

Among the points listed in the statement are that all shipments disembarking from a United States port after August 5 require proof of disinfection (sans temperature-controlled containers at 15°C or lower); that the proof of disinfection needs not be issued by a government authority; and that treatment can be carried out at any point during the shipping process. Interested parties can also find a FAS template for its [Disinfection Treatment Certificate](#).



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