



ZIKA AND EXPORTS TO CHINA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Is there any standard format of Anti-Mosquito Treatment Certificate or Fumigation Certificate authorized by China AQSIQ?

- **No, there is not a standard format for anti-mosquito treatment or fumigation released by AQSIQ.**
 - However, the basic requirement on Anti Mosquito Treatment Certificate shall state clearly information required below:
 - ✓ The certification must be issued by the government department (state or federal level)
 - ✓ Indicate the fumigation method.
 - ✓ Signature and stamp
 - ✓ Cargo description
- Remark: No sample of official fumigation certificate has been released by AQSIQ thus far.*
- The local fumigation company may take responsibility to ensure above Anti-Mosquito Treatment Certificate to fulfill details needed.
 - AQSIQ has the jurisdiction to do random check and reject certificate and demand for re-fumigation upon cargo arrival.

2. What is BDP's experience about acceptance of Anti-Mosquito Treatment Certificate and response from various ports?

- According to CIQ, the Anti Mosquito Treatment Certificate should be issued either by local authorities or by third party disinfection company in Zika affected areas.
- BDP's experience about approved certificate as below:
 - ✓ Shanghai, for the time being, the SGS' issue Anti-mosquito Treatment Certificate or fumigation certificate is accepted.
 - ✓ Xingang, Tianjin, only the official (Government Bureau's mosquito eradication cert) is accepted.
 - ✓ Qingdao will not accept US certificates of origin and all cargoes (except dangerous goods) are required to be fumigated at Qingdao port upon entry.

3. What are the impacts to consignee in terms of Lead time, Cost or foreseeing issues as the consequences of this Anti Zika Virus implementation?

The possible Impacts to Importer or Consignee in China as below:

(i) **Lead Time**

Turn-around time for a container to be fully- fumigated by authorized party under CIQ will be 24-48 hours, add on to the import lead time for custom clearance in a normal process.

(ii) **Cost Issue**

The cost may vary from type of fumigation. Method to be used will be decided by the CIQ with general guidelines below:

Method A- Spray disinfectant to outer of container to avoid direct contact to the sensitive Product. Estimated cost USD15/20' or USD30/40'

Method B – Smoke Fumigation inside the container for those none sensitive product
Estimated cost USD30/20' or USD60/40'

(iii) **Authorized Fumigator by Local CIQ**

- All fumigation will be conducted by an authorized party appointed by local CIQ and consignee will need to pay the fees imposed as standard in China.
- It is not necessarily for consignee to appoint third party for this fumigation released by custom.

Important Note: Different Seaports deploying different methods and customs and CIQ hold the jurisdiction to decide on methods required.

In BDP's experience, a higher percentage of shipments have undergone the Method B scenario and only a few approved on method A at the moment.

4. Shall shipper consider in conducting fumigation at origin or destination since these two are possible options. Which options served best?

The decision made shall depend on what criteria the shipper considers most important to business: Cost savings or Customer Satisfaction first?

✓ **Cost Saving Option:**

Fumigation conducted at origin port may cost more than fumigation conducted in China. Standard Charges imposed by China CIQ as below. Is consignee at destination willing to accept additional destination cost? If YES, good to proceed destination fumigation.

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✓ **Customer Satisfaction Option:**

Since the various gateways have different interpretations of this new regulation, we focus on the “Solution” to satisfied customers. If the shipment is “TO DOOR” term, cargoes can be conducted at destination port. BDP China has control of import shipment clearance and will take control of delivery to door.

Since there is no united execution standard in various seaport gateways in China, we have no recommendation to our customers for non “TO DOOR” terms.

It is important to manifest consignee’s expectation by looking into time tolerance of fumigation conducted at destination. There can be delays due to peak season or long queue as part of the effects of the new regulations. We recommend alerting the consignee of possible waiting time to avoid any additional issues.

Exception only for shipments to Qingdao port, fumigation must be conducted at Qingdao because certificate from US are not accepted by local port authority.

5. Does BDP China experience congestion issue if a fumigation decision made by shipper that fumigation conducted at destination ports instead of origin port?

There is no congestion reported at the moment. But there is possible chain effect in September as strict compliance and enforcement apply to cargo onboard 5 August 2016, which shall only arrive China ports in September. The delay is showing 1-2 days, which add on to a normal import lead time.

