



CUSTOMER ADVISORY

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China reefer imports: ports to step up on inspection and disinfection measures

Dear Valued Customer,

The State Council of the People's Republic of China recently released [Notice 2020 #225](#) on "Preventive and comprehensive disinfection work plan for cold chain food imports" (《进口冷链食品预防性全面消毒工作方案》).

The notice requires all relevant authorities – starting with China customs – to step up on thorough inspection and disinfection work to effectively prevent the spread of the COVID-19 via cold chain food imports.

We take this opportunity to inform our customers that across all ports in China, NAT (Nucleic Acid Testing) inspection and disinfection requirements may become more frequent and stringent on reefer imports. This could eventually lead to delays in customs clearance and release of reefer imports, and trigger a possible congestion in ports where supply of reefer plugs start to run tight.

As we try our best to safeguard your cargo, please note that there may be additional costs incurred on the Consignee's account* and payable upon delivery. Our local office will reach out and advise the details if your cargo is affected.

For the latest developments and more information, we urge customers to closely follow announcements from the local authorities.

For assistance, please contact your local representative.

Thank you for your business and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

CMA CGM Group

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