

Beijing Olympics Updates (as of May 6, 2008)

SHANGHAI

A) On 10 April 2008, the headquarters of border defense in Shanghai called a meeting to announce the following:

To ensure the security of the port during the Olympics Games, from now on, all shipping companies should urge their forwarders to follow the rules stated below:

1. Before the arrival of vessels at the port, a name list of all crew members must be submitted. All names must be written in full with no abbreviations.
2. To abide by the regulations stated by the Bureau of Foreign Affairs at the port, every operation of the vessel must be under the surveillance of the border officers.
3. Suspicious personnel must be reported to border officers immediately.
4. All weapons and ammunition must be declared before the arrival of vessel at the port.

B) Matters relating to the visa applications of crew members and representatives of ship owners:

As informed by the immigration bureau for foreign visitors, with the approach of the Olympics Games, all travel visas cannot be changed or extended. All crew members or representatives of ship owners cannot apply for transit visa without providing sailor ID cards. (Representatives of Japan. and Singapore please pay special attention). Crew members of cruisers who do not have sailor ID cards must produce air tickets or the original copy of the certificate issued by their local airway companies beforehand.

C) Latest notice for visa applications for members on board

1. As informed verbally by the foreign affairs office, members on board who cannot produce sailor ID cards cannot apply for a transit visa. Customer service managers should remind representatives who do not have a sailor ID card that they should secure a valid visa before entering the port.
2. Starting from 25 April, crew members who have applied for transit visa applications should proceed to the immigration bureau for foreign visitors of the airport, for their identity to be checked in person together with their travel documents. Frequent communications of the customer service managers with foreign affairs officers will be required to convey updated messages to crew members on board, to avoid the delay of the shipping schedule.

XIAMEN

New regulations for Border checking at the Port of Xiamen during the Olympic Games are as follows (start date: 1 May, 2008)

1. Entry procedures for incoming vessels remain the same as before. Passports

- should be used as often as possible as the ID document for border checks on-line, and for filling in the name list of crew members.
2. Crew members of incoming vessels who do not have to disembark need only to show one ID document.
 3. Crew members of incoming vessels who have to disembark must produce two types of ID documents, and proceed to the counter for ID inspection. When filling in ID information on-line, information of two ID documents must be filled in. For the name list of crew members, only information on one ID document is necessary.
 4. Crew members of Taiwan, when applying for disembarkation, must produce sailor ID cards and entry passes for Taiwan Chinese. For Hong Kong crew members, sailor ID card and entry passes for Hong Kong and Macau Chinese are necessary. Crew members who do not have to apply for disembarking can apply for entry according to past practice.
 5. Entry and departure procedures have to be applied separately. The specific method of application must be followed as per the request of officers of the related departments.
 6. From now onward, spot check on one or two vessels will be carried out every week.

NINGBO

1. The Marine Department of Ningbo has set up new security checking forms to be filled in by officers on board. If proper feedback is received, berthing of vessels will not be affected. We have informed forwarders to liaise with vessels for the information needed for the security check.
2. No special request has been received from other related departments.

QINGDAO

To welcome the 2008 Beijing Olympics, port related departments in Qingdao have strengthened safety measures and supervision. Please note the following:

Qingdao Maritime Safety Administration:

1. Control of waterway safety will be strengthened. Any moving vessels should obey instructions from the Maritime VTS center. Special control measures will be taken when there is bad weather or waterway congestion. Safety is the top priority.
2. Strengthened supervision and penalties for undeclared dangerous goods, (including dangerous goods transiting through Qingdao). If undeclared dangerous goods are discovered, the penalty will be severe.
3. No detailed policy on import and export of dangerous cargoes at present. However, booking of highly dangerous cargo is not recommended by the Qingdao Maritime Safety Administration.

Qingdao Customs House:

1. Strengthened supervision of goods both onboard and off the vessel, including vessel parts, vessel materials, seamen's luggage, etc. For goods onboard the vessel without declaration, we will submit to Customs Anti-smuggling Bureau to handle, and penalize relevant companies. Please notify us if carriers' HQ have arranged related vessel repair, parts and materials, and we will assist accordingly.
2. Strengthened supervision of formalities of the vessel moving in and out of Qingdao. No one is permitted to board the vessel, and no terminal operation is permitted before the formalities mentioned above have been completed.

Qingdao Exit and Entry Border Inspection Station:

1. From April 21, 2008, strict inspections of vessels coming in and out of Qingdao have been applied. For inbound vessels, pre-inspection has been abolished. No one is allowed to board the vessel before import formalities have been completed. For outbound vessels, export formalities are not permitted until cargo loading is completed.
2. Stringent handling of vessel boarding pass, and stringent checks of all persons applying for a boarding pass.

Quarantine Inspection Office:

1. Strengthen the quarantine inspection system. Generally, all vessels from abroad will undergo similar treatment.
2. Strengthen terminal patrol and inspection, supervise food, material supply of vessels and penalize for contravening these regulations.

Port Authority:

Strict inspections on people, cars and materials going in and out of the terminal, and strict supervision of people and materials embarking and disembarking the vessel. Any violation of terminal security provisions will be submitted to terminal police to handle.

DALIAN**Terminal**

1. Dalian Container Terminal (DCT) requests carriers to sign Port Security Agreement of every voyage.
2. DPCM requests the following on port security:
 - a. From April 4, 2008, DPCM will arrange one staff to assist the Border Inspection officer in recording people embarking and disembarking the vessel, and preventing unauthorized people from entering restricted areas.

- b. Only drivers of cars possessing long-term car passes issued by DPCM are permitted into and out of the terminal, together with the car. Other passengers should apply for certificates before entering the terminal.
- c. Operation staff of carriers and ship agents may enter the terminal with the car using their own certificates. No one in the same car is allowed to enter together with those staff. For other special business, please submit related certificates and identity for handling of terminal entries.
- d. The DPCM gate security guard will strictly inspect cars and people entering and leaving the gate.
- e. Drivers entering the terminal are requested to obey road traffic safety regulations, drive and park the car according to DPCM's safety rules.

Terminal security of DPCM has been upgraded to Level 2, while that of DCT is still Level 1. No changes on others.

Dalian Exit and Entry Border Inspection Station:

Will organize a meeting for carriers and ship agents soon, and announce the new requirements on port security. However, it is estimated that there will be no major changes.

Dalian Maritime Safety Administration:

To further ensure marine safety under flexible policies. Export of dangerous goods (grade 1-3) should be approved by the responsible section chief.

Dalian Customs House :

To request all personnel to strengthen security awareness. No detailed measures announced.

Quarantine Inspection Office:

To issue new regulations on security soon, however, minor changes estimated.

All above departments promise that if new regulations are announced, they will notify related personnel and departments immediately.

TIANJIN

For the duration of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Tianjin Border Defense, Quarantine Inspection office, Custom House and Port Inspection office have issued new regulations as follows:

Border Defense

1. Inbound vessels have to go through both pre-inspection and inspection when berthing at the harbor. Inspections after berthing of the vessel cannot be waived by pre-inspection. During inspection, nobody is allowed to board or leave the vessel, and loading and unloading of cargos cannot be

carried out. Likewise, border check procedures for outbound vessels can only be carried out after the vessel is loaded. Any procedure carried out before that will be regarded as unlawful. After completion of the inspection, nobody is allowed to board or leave the vessel. Heavy penalties will be imposed on those found guilty of going against these regulations.

2. The areas close to the vessel and the working areas have been set as highly restricted areas and no unauthorized personnel are allowed to enter.
3. Border inspection will be strengthened and vessel operations will be scrutinized. Border officers must report the results of inspections to the border authority.

Quarantine Inspection

1. Carriers and forwarders are requested to declare detailed list of ports of call for the vessel.
2. Carriers are requested to declare if any provisions of food and drinking water are to be loaded during their stay in port. Release of ballast water and discharge of garbage are also to be declared.
3. Stringent inspections are to be carried out on vessels from epidemic areas.

Customs House

Inspections will be strengthened, mainly on cargo.

Port Inspection

Port security checks will be strengthened, as will vessel sea-worthiness inspections, strict filing procedures, and spot checks.

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