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UPDATE: ZIKA FUMIGATION – EXPORTS TO CHINA

Recently, China issued a ruling requiring all container shipments from the United States be fumigated prior to export to prevent the spread of Zika into their country. Chinese officials have provided some additional details to clarify the requirements. It is now known that a mosquito eradication certificate is required, to include when and where the treatment was taken, issuer, exporter, importer, dose and duration.

While some additional details have been provided by China, there continues to be unanswered questions regarding the ruling. China has stated U.S. exporters will need to provide proof that fumigation was completed by a government approved organization, however authorized groups have yet to be identified. We will continue to monitor and will provide additional information as available.

In the meantime, UFO is working to identify viable fumigation options for China bound container shipments. If China continues with this ruling, changes to transit times and increased cost should be anticipated. Containers are required to sit idle for a period after fumigation and there will also be an additional drayage requirement to move the container from the fumigator to the rail or port.

UFO will continue to manage each shipment to minimize any delays in China. We will be in touch to provide additional updates as better information is available.

Please contact Marc Mugfor (mmugfor@ufold.com) with any questions or concerns on the above information.

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