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BIRD FLU VIRUS DISINFECTIONS IN ALGERIAN PORTS

Owing to the spread of the bird flu virus, the Algerian sanitary authorities have established procedures for the disinfection of vessels calling at Algerian ports. Qualifying vessels are those where the last port of call was in Greece, Italy, Turkey, Nigeria or Slovenia. The list of countries subject to these new regulations is being continuously reviewed and may change, or be added to, as circumstances dictate.

The cost of carrying out such disinfections is said to be in the region of US\$300 per vessel.

Members with vessels falling in to this category, and which are destined for Algerian ports, should liaise with their local agents for the purpose of coordinating the appointment of disinfection companies to avoid delays. The Algerian port authorities will not permit any loading or discharging operations to commence before the vessel has been disinfected.

While the Algerian Ministry of Transport has issued instructions to all relevant port authorities, no guidelines have as yet been indicated as to disinfection methods.

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