# Further Optimize COVID-19 Prevention and Control of Imported Goods

All provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities directly under the Central Government and the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps shall respond to the joint prevention and control mechanism of the COVID-19 (leading group, headquarters), and member units of the State Council's joint prevention and control mechanism of the new coronavirus pneumonia epidemic:

Since 2021, all localities and departments have strictly implemented the requirements of the State Council's joint prevention and control mechanism, and strengthened the COVID-19 detection and preventive disinfection of imported cold chain food and high-risk non-cold chain containerized goods. "Target, effectively preventing the risk of the spread of the epidemic. The latest research results show that under normal temperature conditions, the coronavirus has a short survival time on the surface of most items, and is completely inactivated within 1 day. In order to thoroughly implement the spirit of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important instructions and unswervingly implement the general strategy of "foreign import, domestic rebound" and the general policy of "dynamic clearing", resolutely consolidate the major strategic achievements of epidemic prevention and control, and ensure the safety of imported goods. At the same time, to implement the requirements of "prevent the epidemic, stabilize the economy, and secure development" to ensure the stability of the industrial chain and supply chain, the relevant requirements for further optimizing the prevention and control of the COVID-19 of imported goods are hereby notified as follows:

#### 1. Working principle

- (1) Comprehensive research and judgment, classification and classification. Based on the epidemic situation in the source country (region) of the imported non-cold chain items, the category and characteristics of the item, the mode and duration of transportation, and the method of loading and unloading, comprehensively study and judge the risk of contamination of the items, and take preventive disinfection or release measures according to classification and classification. Imported cold chain food shall be implemented in accordance with the current technical guidelines for classification and disposal.
- (2) Scientifically accurate and dynamic adjustment. According to the situation of epidemic prevention and control and the mutation of the virus, on the basis of the scientific conclusions of the "human-to-human" systematic research, the epidemic prevention and control measures of the imported non-cold-chain goods are scientifically and accurately adopted, and the measures are continuously optimized and dynamically adjusted according to the time and situation.
- (3) Coordinate and perform their duties as a whole. All localities and departments should strengthen overall planning and coordination and interdepartmental collaboration, strictly implement the national unified epidemic

prevention and control policies, strengthen the management of employees in high-risk positions, and consolidate the "quartet of responsibilities".

## 2. Implement classification and classification management for imported non-cold chain goods

Imported non-cold chain articles refer to imported articles whose transportation temperature is above 10 degrees Celsius.

- (1) Pollution risk classification standard for imported non-cold chain articles.
- (A) The contamination risk of imported non-cold chain goods is divided into low risk and high risk.
- (B) Determination principle of pollution risk level of imported non-cold chain articles.
- (a) If it meets any of the following conditions, it is judged as low risk.

Non-cold-chain goods imported from low-risk COVID-19 countries (regions);

All bulk goods, including coal, ore, chemical raw materials, grain, feed, forage, logs and other imported non-cold chain goods;

Non-cold-chain articles imported by aircraft, ships, trains and automobiles carrying entry articles more than 24 hours after departure from the port of departure;

Imported non-cold chain articles that are not in contact with stevedores during loading and unloading;

Imported non-cold chain articles that have been prophylactically disinfected.

- (b) Imported non-cold chain articles that do not belong to any of the above situations, or whose risk level cannot be determined, shall be judged as high risk according to the "strict" principle.
- (c) If confirmed cases or asymptomatic infected persons are found among the passengers of the transport vehicle carrying the imported non-cold-chain goods, the local joint prevention and control mechanism will comprehensively evaluate the risk level.
- (d) The risk level of imported non-cold chain items for special purposes shall be comprehensively evaluated by the local joint prevention and control mechanism
- (2) Implement prevention and control measures for imported non-cold chain goods by classification and classification.

- (A) Epidemic prevention and control measures for high-risk imported non-cold chain goods. Preventive disinfection shall be carried out for imported non-cold-chain goods judged to be high risk in accordance with the division of labor and procedures stipulated in the Notice on Printing and Distributing the Work Plan for The Detection and Preventive Disinfection of Imported High-risk Non-cold-chain Container Goods issued by the Comprehensive Group of the Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism of The State Council (JOINT Prevention and Control Mechanism Comprehensive Development [2020] No. 277). COVID-19 testing of imported non-cold chain articles is no longer carried out in all regions.
- (B) Epidemic prevention and control measures for high-risk imported non-cold chain items not suitable for preventive disinfection. For dangerous chemicals, live animals, feed, feed additives, fruits, vegetables, precision instruments and other articles without outer packaging or whose outer packaging may cause infiltration contamination of disinfection liquid, COVID-19 testing and preventive disinfection shall not be carried out. Local joint prevention and control mechanisms shall dispose of them in an appropriate manner according to the circumstances.
- (C) Epidemic prevention and control measures for low-risk imported non-cold-chain goods. COVID-19 testing and preventive disinfection of imported non-cold chain articles judged to be of low risk will no longer be carried out.

#### 3. Strict control measures for import of non-cold chain items are not allowed

Local joint prevention and control mechanisms shall implement epidemic prevention and control measures for imported non-cold-chain items in strict accordance with the requirements of relevant documents of the Joint prevention and control mechanism of The State Council, promptly adjust the provisions on the static storage of imported non-cold-chain items, and shall not increase the number of imported non-cold-chain items.

#### 4. Disinfection methods for imported non-cold chain articles

The disinfection of imported non-cold chain articles shall be carried out in accordance with the Notice on Further Strengthening COVID-19 Prevention and Control and Disinfection issued by the Comprehensive Group of the Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism of The State Council (JCP No. 2021), and the parts that may be touched by the loading personnel shall be mainly disinfected.

### 5. Optimize and improve epidemic prevention and control measures for imported cold chain food

The Customs has continued to strengthen source control, and if necessary, take measures such as cancellation of registration, suspension of import, and rectification within a specified time limit for overseas food producers that do not cooperate with inspection or have problems. As an important means to monitor the effect of preventing pollution at the source, sampling test is organized and implemented by the customs at the port, and the test results are used as the basis for adjusting the source control measures. Imported cold-chain food that is tested positive for COVID-19 shall be treated in a graded and classified manner according to the provisions of the joint

prevention and control mechanism of The State Council. No emergency preventive measures will be taken to suspend import declaration for relevant overseas food producers.

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