

FOBAS Bulletin



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China Sample Collection and Testing.

Due to the recent Coronavirus virus outbreak in China, measures are being put in place in an attempt to reduce the spread of the virus. These restrictions are impacting on our FOBAS service in China and significant delays to transit and testing of samples landed in China are anticipated. This also applies to deliveries regarding sample kits.

Local advice has been provided as follows:

Given that confirmed infection case keeps increasing and spreading, all employees are requested to stay at where you are now. Avoiding cross-city travel until further notice, and travel overseas including to Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan is absolutely prohibited. Further guidance will be provided around Jan 29th for the arrangement of returning to work after the Lunar New Year Festival.

As there appears to be no immediate solution to this, we recommend that ships avoid landing their bunker samples in China and wherever possible, land them at their next port outside of China until further notice.

We will keep you updated as we receive further updates.

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