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Subject: Brazil - Coronavirus (nCoV) - Update

Dear Sirs,

We refer to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (nCoV) originated from China. As different health authorities worldwide have taken different approaches to their response, please see below a summary of the current position in Brazil.

Despite suspected cases, at the time of writing Brazil has not yet had any confirmed individuals carrying the virus. At this stage, the National Health Authority (ANVISA) has only issued general guidance to increase the awareness level of its personnel to possible travelers carrying the symptoms, and also for the use of protecting equipment at the ports and airports.

As far as shipping in the North / Northeast of the country is concerned, no practical differences have been noticed yet in relation to the clearance of crew members. Of course, as part of the usual procedure for quarantine, the Master is required to issue a Maritime Declaration of Health, and this has been the basis of ANVISAS's assessment of possible infected crew members.

There has also been some speculation surrounding a vessel currently berthed at the port of Santos, but ANVISA has issued a public notice earlier today (26 January) denying that crew members on board are suspected of carrying nCoV.

Please let us know in case of any doubts. Our team of qualified physicians headed by Dr Michelline Mesquita is at your disposal for any necessary assistance. We shall update you further if / when the scenario changes locally.

Regards,

The (Medical) Team

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