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ZIKA VIRUS – Information for Seafarers

To: Local Representatives Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers

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References: World Health Organisation – Zika Virus Recommendations
International Transport Federation – Zika information fact sheet for seafarers

Background: The Zika virus, caused by the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito, is currently present in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific. The Zika virus disease is particularly dangerous for women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant and has been linked to genetic birth defects. There have been reported cases of the virus being spread through blood transfusion and sexual contact.

Attention is drawn to the information and recommendations issued by the WHO & ITF. Copies of this information may be obtained from the following websites and should be made available to seafarers working on Gibraltar registered ships that operate or may operate in affected areas.

<http://www.itfglobal.org/en/resources/reports-publications/zika-factsheet/>

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/zika/en/>

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