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**TO: LABOUR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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COVID-19 UPDATE AS OF 14 DECEMBER 2022

Action Required: Globally, as of 13 December 2022, there have been 645,630,482 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 6,634,816 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 11 December 2022, a total of 13,008,033,382 vaccine doses have been administered.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS BY WHO REGION

	Cases	Deaths
Global	645,630,482	6,634,816
Americas	183,453,095	2,877,206
Europe	267,247,197	2,143,366
South-East Asia	60,707,285	802,556
Eastern Mediterranean	23,208,006	348,978
Africa	9,420,467	175,063
Western Pacific	101,593,668	287,631

	TOP 6 COUNTRIES	MOST CASES YESTERDAY	HIGH FATALITIES YESTERDAY
1	USA	Korea	France
2	Europe	Germany	Japan
3	South-East Asia	China	Russian Federation
4	Eastern Mediterranean	France	China
5	Western Pacific	Brazil	Indonesia
6	Africa	Russian Federation	Chile

Chinese ports: Seafarers do not need a Covid-19 test before arriving

On December 8, ships are no longer required to provide seafarers' testing information before arriving at the port. People entering ports are no longer required to provide health codes or nucleic acid tests within two days.

The requirement of nucleic acid testing for personnel at ports other than high-risk posts has been changed from "nucleic acid testing twice a week with an interval of more than two days" to "strengthening personal protection and regular epidemic prevention management as required."

If the territory has clear requirements for port epidemic prevention and control, the measures shall be implemented according to the territory." Port operation will no longer restrict the port operators on board and the seafarers enter the dock operation area."

In other words, there will be no requirements for port workers onboard the inland trading vessel and seafarers entering into the port operation area. However, port operators should work out emergency backup plans in case of large-scale infections to ensure the port maintains normal operation.

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