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(New Infectious or Contagious Diseases Clause by BIMCO for Voyage and Time Charter Parties)

The recent Ebola outbreak in West Africa has focused attention on the possible implications that trading to ports where an infectious or contagious disease is prevalent can have on the operation of a vessel, both while in the affected area, and later when visiting other countries far removed from the epidemic.

In order to protect ship owners' and time charterers' interests, BIMCO has drafted and published, with the assistance of various BIMCO members a new clause for voyage and time charter parties to address this particular issue. Further details including the text of the clause can be found in BIMCO's Special Circular –

["BIMCO Infectious or Contagious Diseases Clause for Voyage and Time Charter Parties" as attached to this circular.](#)

The new BIMCO clause covers infectious or contagious diseases in general, and it is suggested that Members consider incorporating the BIMCO clause as a standard clause into their voyage and time charter parties in future.

If Members are considering a deviation pursuant to this clause they should be aware that Club cover issues may arise and they should consult with the Managers, accordingly.

