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Subject: China MSA Launched an Announcement on Reporting Requirements for Foreign-flagged Ships Entering the Internal Waters of the P.R. China in Emergency Situations

Dear Sirs / Madams,

Please be kindly advised that, China MSA issued an announcement on 21 January on the reporting requirements for foreign-flagged ships entering the internal waters of P.R. China in emergency situations, which shall enter into force as of 1st March 2025.

We have summarized the key points of the announcement into this circular, which outlines the reporting requirements and procedures for foreign-flagged ships entering Chinese waters due to emergencies, such as crew illness, machinery failure, or distress, for the Club/ Members' easy reference:

1. Scope of Applications:

This announcement applies to foreign-flagged ships that must enter Chinese internal waters in emergency situations, including but not limited to:

- Urgent illness
- Machinery failure
- Distress
- Adverse weather conditions

Such situations may arise when the ship is unable to obtain prior permission to enter a port.

2. Reporting Methods

Reports shall be made using one of the following communication methods:

- Marine radio telephone
- DSC on VHF, MF and HF
- Maritime satellite telephone
- Wired telephone or fax
- The national hotline "12395" for maritime search and rescue when in distress
- Any other effective means of communication.



3. Reporting Requirements

Foreign-flagged ships shall make an urgent report to the local maritime administration (MSA) with the following information, while entering Chinese internal waters:

- (1) Name of ship, IMO number, call sign, flag, type of ship, and contact information;
- (2) Ship owner, operator and manager;
- (3) Ship position, course, speed and planned navigation routes;
- (4) Estimated entry and departure time;
- (5) Main dimensions and draft of the ship;
- (6) Number of the crew and passengers onboard and their health conditions, and the number of persons in distress, illness or casualties;
- (7) Cargo information, and the official names, UN numbers, pollution classes and quantities of the dangerous goods;
- (8) Direct cause of the emergency entry, measures taken and assistance requested; and
- (9) The Emergency Report Form (see attached), which shall be submitted as supplement as soon as the ship has entered the internal waters of the People's Republic of China.

4. Ongoing Reporting Requirements

If the ship's Automatic Identification System (AIS) is not functioning properly after entering Chinese internal waters, in addition to the above-mentioned reporting requirements, the ship must continue to report the following information every hour:

- (1) Name of ship, call sign and IMO number; and
- (2) Current ship position, intended course and speed

These reports should continue until the ship departs Chinese internal waters or obtains port entry approval.

5. Other Provisions

- Foreign-flagged ships entering Chinese internal waters must comply with the instructions and supervision of the competent maritime administrations.
- Ships that fail to report as required or refuse to comply with the instructions and supervision of the competent maritime administration may face legal action in accordance with relevant laws, regulations, and rules.

We hope the above will be of some assistance. If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact with us.



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Yours faithfully,

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Appendix

Emergency Report Form

Particulars of ship	Name of ship		Flag		Type of ship	
	Call sign		IMO No.		Position	
	L.O.A		Breadth		Draft	
	Course and speed		Port of departure		Port of arrival	
	Ship owner			Ship operator		
	Ship manager					
	Hull color, funnel color and logo					
Details of entering China's internal waters	Entry time			Departure time		
	Departure port and departure time			Last port of call and departure time		
	Number of crew and passengers					
Cargo information	Name of cargo			Details	General cargo (ton)	
	Cargo quantity (ton)				Dangerous goods (ton)	
	Official name and UN number of the dangerous goods			Class of the dangerous goods		
Meteorological and hydrological conditions						
Direct cause of the emergency entry, measures taken and assistance requested						
Remarks						
Contact details (ship and agent): Name of ship: Date (year/month/day):						