To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: NEW CHINESE REPORTING SYSTEM FOR FOREIGN-FLAGGED VESSELS

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The Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) of the People’s Republic of China (China) has issued a revised maritime traffic safety law that impacts foreign-flagged vessels. Although an unofficial English translation may be viewed here, aspects of the revised law may need further clarification. This advisory will be updated as more information becomes available.

1.0 Applicability

1.1 Effective as of 1 September 2021, the following foreign-flagged vessels (including Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged vessels) are required to provide advance notice to China MSA when entering waters within the jurisdiction of China:

.1 submersibles;
.2 nuclear vessels;
.3 ships carrying radioactive materials;
.4 ships carrying bulk oil, chemicals, liquefied gas, and other toxic and harmful substances; and
.5 other vessels that may endanger the maritime traffic safety of China, as prescribed by Chinese laws, administrative regulations, or provisions of their State Council.

2.0 Reporting

2.1 The RMI Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) understands that the following information must be reported:

.1 ship’s name, call sign, International Maritime Organization (IMO) Number, and its Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI);
.2 report date and time, ship’s current position;
.3 last port of call and departure time;
.4 next port of call and estimated time of arrival;
.5 satellite telephone number; and
.6 name of shipborne dangerous goods, United Nations (UN) number (if none, mark with NA), category of noxious substance (if non-application, mark with NA), and cargo dead weight (ton).

2.2 Reporting may be done through any of the following channels:

.1 website: https://www.sh.msa.gov.cn/chnshiprep;
.2 email: chnshiprep@shmsa.gov.cn;
.3 fax: +86-21-66072764; or
.4 telephone: +86-21-65089469.

3.0 Compliance

3.1 The Administrator urges all vessel operators transiting the area to liaise with their local agents to ensure compliance and stay informed of updates to this law. Penalties for non-compliance range from fines to being asked to leave China’s waters.