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

Subject: NEW CIRCULARS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS IN COASTAL WATERS OF CHINA

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Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged vessels are advised that China's Maritime Safety Administration has published two circulars addressing the prevention of collisions between commercial and fishing vessels. They identify areas prone to collisions and provide helpful guidance, as covered in Gard's Alert, [*Preventing collisions with fishing vessels in China.*](#)

RMI-flagged vessels bound for Chinese ports or transiting through the coastal waters of China are advised to review this Alert and its associated documents to ensure good practices and safe navigation when transiting the area.

This MSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.