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

Subject: PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF SHIP POLLUTION IN TIANJIN PORT

Date: 29 March 2018

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) has been advised by the China Classification Society (CCS) that new regulations on the prevention and control of ship pollution in Tianjin Port (China) will enter into force on 01 May 2018. CCS Implementation Notice 2018/01 provides an unofficial translation of the original Chinese regulations which will be enforced by the Tianjin Port Maritime Safety Administration.

These newly issued regulations will apply to all phases of vessel operations, including navigating, berthing, and cargo operations, while in the territory of Tianjin Port. Those points highlighted in the Implementation Notice should receive special attention:

1. The use of incinerators within the Tianjin port.
2. Stays within the Tianjin Port for more than 30 days.
4. The use of fuel with a sulfur content not exceeding 0.5% m/m, or clean energy.
5. Requirements involving cargoes with hazards.
6. Prohibition of deck washing under certain conditions.

The CCS Information Bulletin 2018/01 indicates that fines or penalties for each violation might range from CN¥ 2,000 to as high as CN¥ 30,000 per violation, depending on the violation(s).

For ships planning to call at Tianjin, the Administrator recommends that these regulations be reviewed with the local port agent prior to entering the territory of the Tianjin port to ensure that all parties fully understand all of the pertinent details of these new regulations. Especially important would be the locally accepted definitions of the extent of the “territory of the Tianjin Port” and the area included in any special protection zone or in “the downstream waters of the Haihe River.”

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.