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Advisory #:	2015-02
Date Issued:	Aug 28, 2015
Audience:	ALL OPERATORS OF U.S. FLAG, EFFECTIVE U.S. CONTROLLED VESSELS, U.S. MERCHANT MARINERS, AND OTHER MARITIME INTERESTS
Subject:	TIANJIN, CHINA EXPLOSIONS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION

1. THIS ADVISORY FORWARDS INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD (USCG) REGARDING ASSESSING POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION RISKS FROM THE TIANJIN PORT COMPLEX EXPLOSIONS AND REITERATES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF VESSEL AND FACILITY AGENTS, OWNERS, MASTERS, AND OPERATORS TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD. U.S.-FLAG OPERATORS ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD THIS ADVISORY TO THEIR SHIPS BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.
2. MARAD Advisories are PUBLISHED ON THE MARAD WEB SITE AT www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/ADVISORY and ON the Maritime Safety Information web site AT msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal. SELECT BROADCAST WARNINGS, scroll down TO SEARCH BOX AND Select MARAD Advisories.
3. THE USCG AND CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION ARE MONITORING VESSEL TRAFFIC AND CARGO DEPARTING THE TIANJIN PORT COMPLEX FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC EXPLOSIONS ON AUG 12TH AND 15TH, 2015, DUE TO CONCERNS THAT THERE MAY BE POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ASH, DEBRIS, OR RESIDUES ON VESSELS OR CARGO BOUND FOR U.S. PORTS. VESSELS IMPACTED BY THE TIANJIN PORT COMPLEX EXPLOSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CALL ON U.S. PORTS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF VESSELS WITH CONFIRMED HAZARDOUS DEBRIS OR RESIDUES ABOARD, HOWEVER U.S. COMPANIES ARE LOOKING FOR REASSURANCES REGARDING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THOSE WHO HANDLE SHIPPING CONTAINERS ACROSS THE SUPPLY CHAIN. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS WORKING WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PORT AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ANY POTENTIAL RISKS ON INBOUND VESSELS AND CARGO TO HELP ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS BULLETIN, AN IMPACTED VESSEL IS ANY VESSEL THAT WAS IN THE TIANJIN PORT COMPLEX, OR THAT HAS LOADED CARGO OR CONTAINERS THAT WERE IN THE TIANJIN PORT COMPLEX AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST EXPLOSION ON AUG 12TH

THROUGH AUG 15TH.

4. ANY SUSPECTED HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, ILLNESSES, OR UNKNOWN SUBSTANCES OR RESIDUES SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE NEAREST USCG CAPTAIN OF THE PORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AN ILL PERSON ABOARD OR AN UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE OR HAZARDOUS ASH, DEBRIS, OR RESIDUE MAY BE INDICATIVE OF A HAZARDOUS CONDITION AND SHOULD BE REPORTED.
5. ADDITIONAL INFO IS AVAILABLE IN USCG MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN (MSIB) 007/15 AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.USCG.MIL/MSIB/](https://www.uscg.mil/msib/)
6. THIS ADVISORY IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
7. QUESTIONS REGARDING MSIB 007/15, SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE USCG OFFICE OF COMMERCIAL VESSEL COMPLIANCE AT 202-372-1251 OR PORTSTATECONTROL@USCG.MIL.

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