

# **Implementing Regulations for Safety Supervision and Management of Vessel Traffic Service of Fujian Maritime Safety Administration of the P.R.C.**

## **Chapter I: General principles**

**CI.1** According to “Traffic safety law of Sea in People's Republic of China”, “Implementing Regulations of Safety Supervision and Management of Vessel Traffic Services of the P.R.C.” and other relevant laws, regulations and rules, in order to strengthen the supervision and administration of vessel traffic safety, maintain the navigation order under jurisdiction and improve ship traffic efficiency and protect water environment, this detailed regulations was formulated.

**CI.2** These regulations shall apply to vessels, installations (hereinafter referred to as vessels) and their owners, operators' agents and other relevant units and personnel that sailed, berthed and operated within the areas covered by the vessel traffic management system of Fujian maritime safety administration of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as Fujian VTS).

**CI.3** The Fujian Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China and its subsidiary maritime administrations are the VTS centers set up by the main authorities for the implementing of these regulations (hereinafter referred to as the main authorities). The main authorities are responsible for the specific implementing of the supervision and administration of vessel traffic safety in accordance with these regulations.

**CI.4** Fujian VTS consists of Fujian coastal VTS (hereinafter referred to as coastal VTS) and Fujian port VTS (hereinafter referred to as port VTS). VHF procedures, ship reports, pilot, vessel traffic services and other information of coastal VTS and port VTS shall be published by Fujian maritime safety administration of the People's Republic of China in accordance with “Fu Jian Maritime Safety Administration of The People's Republic of China Vessel Traffic Services Guide” .

**CI.5** In the Coastal VTS area, VTS centers provide information service for vessels only, organize and coordinate vessel traffic in case of maritime emergency or when necessary.

**CI.6** In the port VTS area, VTS center provide Information service, navigational assistance service (on request), traffic organization service and allied services for vessels.

## Chapter II: Vessel Reports

**CI.7** The following vessels sailing, berthing and operating within the Port VTS area shall report to the VTS center in the located area.

- (1) Vessels engaged in international voyages;
- (2) Passenger Ships with capacity of 50 passengers or above (except ferries);
- (3) Vessels carrying dangerous cargo;
- (4) Vessels engaged in towing operation;
- (5) Vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver;
- (6) Chinese vessels of 300 GT or above;
- (7) Other vessels shall not be obliged to make position report but may do so.

**CI.8** The vessel, or its owner, operator or agent intending to enter or leave the Port VTS area shall make the arrival and departure report to the VTS center by electronic data interchange or by fax or telephone. Pre-departure Report content includes: ship name, nationality, call sign, ship types, ship dimensions (including length, width, draft, headroom), total (net) ton, the name of the last (next) port, estimated berthing (departure) time, estimated berthing (departure) position, carrying situation of cargoes (passengers) and the other circumstances, which need be described.

Pre-arrival Report should be proceeded within the 24 hours before the estimated arrival time to port VTS area ( less than 24 hours, should do when departed last port), Ships of 50,000-ton class or more shall proceed Pre- arrival Report within the 72 hours before the estimated arrival time to port VTS area ( the sailing path less than 72 hours, should do when departed last port). Pre-departure Report shall be done within 12 hours before the estimated sailing or shifting time (less than 12 hours, should do when the ship berthed).

If there is any change in the content of the ship arrival and departure pre-report, it shall make the change report in time.

An international sailing vessel that has been approved by the port of entry is not required to make an arrival and departure pre-report again.

**CI.9** Pilotage and other relevant units shall report to the VTS center the next day pilotage plan and vessel berthing (moving and leaving) plan within the Port VTS area at a regular time every day; If there is any change in the content of the plan, report the change in time by electronic data exchange or fax E-mail.

According to the ship's Pre-departure Report, pilot plan, vessel berthing (moving and leaving) plan, and approval of ships entering or leaving ports, etc., considering jurisdiction meteorological sea condition and navigable conditions, determine or adjust the ship's enter (out) port plan, and inform relevant units and personnel the ship's arrival and departure port plan through electronic data interchange or fax E-mail way.

Pilotage and other related units shall arrange pilotage operations for ships to berthing (moving and leaving) port, according to the plan of vessel arrival and departure determined by the VTS center.

**CI.10** When a ship arrives at a port VTS area, it shall report to the VTS center at the located area the following content:

- (1) Ship's name, nationality, call sign, ship types, ship dimensions (including length, width, draft, headroom), total (net) ton,
- (2) Position, the name of the last port, the name of the next port
- (3) Carrying situation of cargoes (passengers)
- (4) Other situations required by the VTS center.

If the ship is equipped with automatic identification system (hereinafter referred to as AIS) equipment and the ship and voyage information is set correctly, the report can only report the name of the ship, position of the ship, the report line (point), dynamics and matters required for special explanation.

**CI.11** The vessel sailing passing report line (point) in the port VTS area shall report the ship's name, position, name and movement of the report line (point) to the VTS center of the sailing area.

**CI.12** After berthing or anchoring in the Port VTS area, the ship shall report to the VTS center of the area where it is located the name, position (or berth, anchor) dynamics and other information required by the VTS center of the area.

**CI.13** If a ship occurs or discovers any of the following circumstances, it shall immediately report to the VTS center the name, nationality, time, place, event process (or emergency, abnormal circumstances) and other circumstances required by the VTS center:

- (1) Being involved in traffic accident and pollution incident, person contretemps, security event or any other emergent situations which may affect navigational safety;
- (2) The vessel observed aids to navigation or navigational facilities off-position, missing, damaged or abnormal;
- (3) The vessel observed obstacles, floating objects or any other abnormal situation which may affect navigational safety.

**CI.14** In addition to complying with the relevant regulations of the Main authority, the vessel shall, at the beginning and end of the operation, report the name, position and type of operation to the VTS center of the located area it belongs, if the vessel performs the following operations within the port VTS area:

- (1) Overhauling main engine, boiler, windlass, steering gear or other important equipment impeding ship maneuverability.
- (2) testing sailing, Trial trials;
- (3) Calibrating magnetic compass;
- (4) Launching of vessel's lifeboat or life-raft;
- (5) Other activities impeding the safety of navigation.

**CI.15** When piloting a ship, the pilot shall report the name of the vessel, time of embarkation and departure from the vessel, water area and pilot number to the VTS center in the area where the vessel is located.

**CI.16** Vessels other than those provided for in CI.7 of the regulation could voluntarily report to the traffic control center by reference to the provisions of the chapter.

### **Chapter III: Vessel Traffic Service**

**CI.17** Through VHF, the VTS center broadcasts ship dynamics, navigational aid sign status, hydrometeorology, navigational information (warning), refloating, cleanup, salvage and other maritime navigation safety information.

**CI.18** In order to avoid an emergency situation or a vessel traffic accident, the VTS center could advise, persuade or warn vessels within its jurisdiction.

**CI.19** At the request of vessels in the Port VTS area, the VTS center can provide necessary navigational AIDS and advice on safe navigation.

When the ship no longer needs services, it shall promptly report to the VTS center.

### **Chapter IV: Vessel Traffic Management**

**CI.20** When sailing, berthing and operating within the Fujian VTS area, vessels shall abide by "1972 International Marine Regulation for Prevention of Collision" and the special provisions on navigation, avoidance of the area.

**CI.21** If the vessel is in the port VTS area under the following circumstances, the VTS center could, according to the needs of maritime traffic safety, take temporary traffic control measures such as speed limit and time limit navigation, one-way navigation, regional navigation ban and navigation ban and other necessary safety measures on the vessel:

- (1) Large or very large ships enter or leave the port;
- (2) Severe weather and sea conditions;
- (3) Water and underwater activities and military exercises that affect the safety of navigation;

(4) Traffic accidents, pollution accidents, dangerous situations or emergencies that affect the safety of navigation;

(5) Other circumstances that have a greater impact on safe navigation.

**CI.22** When implementing the traffic organization and services, the VTS center can adjust and change the ship's entering and leaving the port plan, according to the necessary of maritime traffic safety.

**CI.23** Except under special circumstances and with the consent of the VTS center of the area where the vessel is located, the pilot shall board and departed the vessel in the prescribed waters when guiding the vessel into or out of the port.

**CI.24** Vessels that intend to anchor in the port VTS area shall apply with the VTS center of the area where they are located in advance and anchor in accordance with the designated or recommended anchorage.

Any vessels shall not be allowed to anchor in the navigation channel, harbor pool or anchorage forbidden area. In case of emergency, the vessel shall immediately report to the VTS center in the area where it is anchored.

## **Chapter V: Communication attention**

**CI.25** Vessels navigating, berthing and operating within the port VTS area shall, in addition to the VHF CH16 channel, also be on duty at the VHF working channel of the VTS center in the area where they are located and report vessels in accordance with the regulations, or promptly answer the calls and inquiries of the traffic control center.

**CI.26** The communication between the vessel and the VTS center shall be achieved through VHF or other effective means.

**CI.27** VHF communications shall be concise, brief and clear, using standard nautical communications terms.

The communication language is mandarin or English.

**CI.28** Vessels equipped with AIS shall correctly set up vessel and voyage information according to the actual conditions, and ensure that AIS is in normal working state.

**CI.29** All VHF slipways and shore platforms shall observe the public order of communication; Except for reporting in accordance with the requirements of the regulations, it shall not occupy, interferes with the VHF channel of the VTS or make calls irrelevant to navigation safety on the corresponding VHF channel.

## Chapter VI: Legal Liability

**CI.30** In case of violation of the regulations, the main authority and its subordinate maritime administrative organs shall deal with the violation in accordance with relevant laws, regulations and rules.

**CI.31** Under any circumstances the master shall not be relieved of his responsibility for the safe navigation of the vessel, also shall not impede the relationship of duties between pilot and master.

## Chapter VI: Supplementary Provisions

**CI.32** The Fujian Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China shall be responsible for the interpretation of the regulations.

**CI.33** These detailed regulations shall come into force on February 15, 2020, and shall be valid for five years. Meanwhile The notice on “Implementing Regulations of Safety Supervision and Management of Vessel Traffic Services of the P.R.C.” and “ Service Guide for VTS of Fujian Maritime Safety Administration of the P.R.C.” (Fujian maritime law(2005) No.5) issued by the Fujian maritime safety administration were invalid.