



# JAPAN P&I NEWS

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To the Members

## **China—Reporting to the Maritime Administrations when Entering the Territorial Sea**

We have received the following information from our local correspondent in China, Oasis P&I Services Company Limited.

Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China (MSA) issued a notice on 27 August 2021 stating that in accordance with the Maritime Traffic Safety Law, vessels of foreign nationality that fall into below mentioned categories shall report to the maritime administrations when entering the territorial sea of China;

- (1) Submersibles
- (2) Nuclear powered vessels;
- (3) Ships carrying radioactive materials
- (4) Ships carrying bulk oil, chemicals, liquefied gas and other toxic and harmful substances
- (5) Other vessels that may endanger the maritime traffic safety of the P.R.China prescribed by laws, administrative regulations or provisions of the State Council

\*Please check with local agents as to the details of (5).

If the automatic identification system (AIS) does not work properly, additional information shall be reported every two hours until the vessel leaves China's territorial sea.

The reporting requirements will come into effect on 1 September 2021.

If categorized vessels violate the notice, the MSA shall impose a fine of not less than RMB50,000 nor more than RMB500,000 upon the owner, operator or manager of the vessel in violation of the law, and impose a fine of not less than RMB10,000 nor more than RMB30,000 upon the master.

For further details, please refer to the attached circular issued by the local correspondent.

Yours faithfully,

**The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association**

Attachment: Oasis Circular No. 2108



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**Oasis Circular No.: 2108**

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**Subject: Reporting Requirements for Vessels of Foreign Nationality Entering the Territorial Sea of the People's Republic of China**

Maritime Safety Administration of the PRC ("MSA") issued a notice on 27 August 2021 stating that in accordance with the *Maritime Traffic Safety Law of the People's Republic of China*, vessels of foreign nationality that fall into below mentioned categories shall report to the maritime administrations of the P. R. China when entering the territorial sea of China.

### **Scope of application**

The reporting requirements apply to the following vessels of foreign nationality entering the territorial sea of the P. R. China:

1. Submersibles;
2. Nuclear powered vessels;
3. ships carrying radioactive materials;
4. ships carrying bulk oil, chemicals, liquefied gas and other toxic and harmful substances;
5. Other vessels that may endanger the maritime traffic safety of the P.R.China prescribed by laws, administrative regulations or provisions of the State Council.

### **Reporting channels**

Vessels or their agents can report through any of the following channels:

Website: <https://www.sh.msa.gov.cn/chnshiprep>

E-mail: [chnshiprep@shmsa.gov.cn](mailto:chnshiprep@shmsa.gov.cn)

Fax: +86-21-66072764;

Telephone: +86-21-65089469。

### **Reporting requirements**

1. When entering the territorial sea of the P. R. China, the vessel shall report:

1.1 Ship's name, call sign, IMO Number, MMSI (format example: SPRING/DFPH2/9365788/218846000//);

1.2 Report date and time, ship's current position (format example: 202108/211450UTC/2933N/12312E//);

1.3 Last port of call and departure time (format example: SINGAPORE/202108/112150UTC//);

1.4 Next port of call and estimated time of arrival (format example: SHANGHAI/202108/251830UTC//);

1.5 Ship's satellite telephone number (format example: 00870773156389//);

1.6 Proper name of dangerous goods carried onboard, UN number (if none, mark with NA), category of noxious substance (if non-applicable, mark with NA), cargo quantity (in ton) (format example: BENZENE/1114/Y/50000//).

2. After entering the territorial sea of the P.R.China, follow-up report is not required if the vessel automatic identification system is in good condition. But if the automatic identification system does not work properly, in addition to above-mentioned reporting requirements, the following information shall be reported every two hours until the vessel leaves China's territorial sea:

2.1 Ship's name, call sign, IMO Number, MMSI (format example: SPRING/DFPH2/9365788/218846000//);

2.2 Report date and time, ship's current position (format example: 202108/221108UTC/3016N/12303E//);

2.3 Intended course and average speed (format example: COG296/SOG125//).

3. In case the vessel fails to report as required, the maritime administration will deal with it according to relevant laws, regulations, rules and provisions.

### **Effective Date**

The reporting requirements will come into effect on September 1, 2021.

### **Penalty in case of breach**

According to article 107 of the Maritime Traffic Safety Law of PRC, where a vessel of foreign nationality enters or exits the internal waters or territorial sea of China in violation of the provisions of this Law, the maritime safety administration shall impose a fine of not less than 50,000 yuan nor more than 500,000 yuan upon the owner, operator or manager of the vessel in violation of the law, and impose a fine of not less than 10,000 yuan nor more than 30,000 yuan upon the master.

We hope the above is of assistance. If there is any query, please feel free to contact us at [oasis@oasispandi.com](mailto:oasis@oasispandi.com).

Best regards,

**Oasis P&I Services Company Limited**