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## Subject: Ministry of Transport of China Issued Announcement on the Imposition of Special Port Dues on Relevant Vessels

On Oct 10, 2025, Ministry of Transport of China announces decision to impose special port dues on relevant vessels, as a response to the measures announced on April 17, 2025, by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). Following its Section 301 investigation into China's maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors, the United States will impose additional port service fees on vessels owned or operated by Chinese companies, vessels flying the Chinese flag, and vessels built in China, effective from October 14, 2025.

In accordance with the "Regulations of the People's Republic of China on International Maritime Transportation" (newly amended on 29 Sep 2025) and other relevant laws and regulations, as well as the basic principles of international law, and upon the approval of the State Council, the Ministry of Transport of China announces that, effective from October 14, 2025, Special Port Dues will be levied on the following categories of vessels calling at Chinese ports. The collection will be carried out by the maritime administration authorities of the respective port of call:

- 1. Vessels owned by US enterprises, other organizations, or individuals.
- 2. Vessels operated by US enterprises, other organizations, or individuals.
- 3. Vessels owned or operated by enterprises or other organizations in which US enterprises, other organizations, or individuals directly or indirectly hold 25% or more of equity (including voting rights or board seats).
- 4. Vessels flying the flag of the United States.
- 5. Vessels built in the United States.

The relevant matters are announced as follows:

## I. Collection Standard

Special Port Dues shall be levied on the aforementioned vessels on a per-voyage basis, implemented in phases according to the following standards (any fraction of one Net Ton shall be counted as one Net Ton):

- a) For vessels calling at Chinese ports from October 14, 2025: RMB 400 per Net Ton.
- b) For vessels calling at Chinese ports from April 17, 2026: RMB 640 per Net Ton.
- c) For vessels calling at Chinese ports from April 17, 2027: RMB 880 per Net Ton.
- d) For vessels calling at Chinese ports from April 17, 2028: RMB 1120 per Net Ton.

## II. Collection Details

If a vessel calls at multiple Chinese ports during the same voyage, the Special Port Dues shall be paid only at the **first port of call** and will not be collected at subsequent ports on that voyage.

For the same vessel, the Special Port Dues shall be collected for a maximum of **5** voyages per calendar year.

## **III. Implementation**

The Ministry will formulate specific implementation measures.

We hope the above will be of assistance. If there is any query, please feel free to contact us at <a href="mailto:oasis@oasispandi.com">oasis@oasispandi.com</a> at any time.

Best regards,

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