China announces reporting requirements for vessels entering the territorial sea of the People's Republic of China

Vessels of foreign nationality entering the territorial sea of China shall report to the China Maritime Administration from on September 1st, 2021.

Notice to: Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators | Surveyors/Auditors

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From September 01st, 2021 and according to the Maritime Traffic Safety Law of the People's Republic of China (P.R.China), vessels of foreign nationality entering the territorial sea of the P.R.China shall report to the maritime administrations of the P. R.China.

The reporting requirements apply to the following vessels of foreign nationality entering the territorial sea of the P.R.China:
1. Submersibles;
2. Nuclear vessels;
3. Ships carrying radioactive materials;
4. Ships carrying bulk oil, chemicals, liquefied gas and other toxic and harmful substances; and
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.

Vessels or their agents can report through any of the following channels:
1. Website: https://www.sh.msa.gov.cn/chnshiprep;
2. E-mail: chnshiprep@shmsa.gov.cn;
3. Fax: +86-21-66072764;
4. Telephone: +86-21-65089469.

When entering the territorial sea of the P.R.China, the vessel shall report:
1. Ship's name, call sign, IMO number, MMSI (format example: SPRING/DFPH2/9365788/218846000//);
2. Report date and time, ship's current position (format example: 202108/211450UTC/2933N/12312E//);
3. Last port of call and departure time (format example: SINGAPORE/202108/112150UTC//);
4. Next port of call and estimated time of arrival (format example: SHANGHAI/202108/251830UTC//);
5. Satellite telephone number (format example: 00870773156389//); and
6. Name of shipborne dangerous goods, UN number (if none, mark with NA), category of noxious substance (if non-applicable, mark with NA), cargo dead weight(ton) (format example: BENZENE/1114/Y/50000//).

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:

1. Ship's name, call sign, IMO Number, MMSI (format example: SPRING/DFPH2/9365788/218846000//);
2. Report date and time, ship's current position (format example: 202108/221108UTC/3016N/12303E//); and
3. Estimated course and average speed (format example: COG296/SOG125//).

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

Act now

Ship owners / Managers / Operators of vessels of foreign nationalities entering the territorial sea of the People's Republic of China should take into consideration the above reporting requirements to avoid any issues that might raise with the local Authorities in P.R.China.