



Merchant Marine **Notice**

Panama Maritime Authority
General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Control and Compliance Department

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NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS ENTERING CHINA

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1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Notice is to communicate all ship-Owners/Operators and agencies of Panama flag vessels that the Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China (MSA), has issued a notice 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 waters of China.
 2. According to China's Maritime Safety Administration notice issued on Friday (27 August) the new requirements will apply to:
 - a. Submersibles;
 - b. Nuclear powered vessels;
 - c. Ships carrying radioactive materials;
 - d. Ships carrying bulk oil, chemicals, liquefied gas and other toxic and harmful substances;
 - e. And '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.
 3. When the applicable vessels enter China's territorial waters they will be required to report the ship's name, IMO number, call sign, MMSI, satellite telephone number, date and time current position. vessels must state their last port of call, departure time, the next port of call and estimated time of arrival. In addition, they must specify if any dangerous goods or noxious cargoes are onboard, their category, cargo quantity and proper name.



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4. 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.
5. 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
Fax: +86-21-66072764 ;
Telephone: +86-21-65089469.
6. According to article 107 of the Maritime Traffic Safety Law of PRC, when 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 元 (Yuan) nor more than 500,000 元 (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 元 (Yuan) nor more than 30,000 元 (Yuan) upon the master.
7. The reporting requirements will come into effect on September 1, 2021.

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Inquiries concerning the subject of this Merchant Marine Notice or any other request should be forward to:

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