

**The Detailed Rules Governig Supervision and Control of Maritime  
Safety by Vessel Traffic Service System in Huanghua Port**

PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Rule 1

These rules are formulated in accordance with The Maritime Traffic Safety Law of the People' s Republic of China, The Regulations Governing Supervision and Control of Maritime Safety by Vessel Traffic Service System of the People' s Republic of China in order to strengthen and standardize vessel traffic control, to ensure the safety of vessel traffic, to raise vessel traffic efficiency and to protect the marine environment in Huanghua port.

Rule 2

These rules are applicable to all vessels, installations navigating, berthing and carrying out operations within the sector water area of Huanghua Port with radar transponder located on South Breakwater Beacon as its center (38° 20' 24.559" N/ 117° 55' 22.647" E), 28 miles in radius and also to their owners, operators and agents.

Rule 3

Huanghua Maritime Safety Administration of the People' s Republic of China is the competent authority solely responsible for the supervision of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "the competent authority").

Huanghua Vessel Traffic Service Center (hereinafter referred to as "VTS Center") established by the competent authority is responsible for the control of vessel traffic within the VTS water area according to these rules.

PART II REPORT OF VESSELS

Rule 4

Vessel reporting system within the VTS water area includes the following:

(a) Vessels shall report to VTS Center in Chinese or English by radiotelephone on VHF CH08 name, nationality, ETA and sailing intention before entering VTS water area.

(b) Vessels shall report to VTS Center by VHF radiotelephone on VHF CH08 name, nationality, call sign, anchor time, anchor position (the true bearing to and distance from radar transponder on South Breakwater Beacon), length, breadth, drafts, last port of call, cargo on board and other information immediately after dropping anchor.

(c) Vessels shall apply to VTS Center at least 20 minutes in advance for getting alongside berth, shifting berth, departing from berth or anchorage, or carrying out

other operations related to the safety of navigation; such operations can not be done unless permitted. Report shall also be made in time upon completion.

(d) Vessels shall report immediately to VTS Center any change to their sailing plan and anchor position.

(e) Vessels carrying tourists on board shall report to VTS Center their sailing plan and the number of tourists 20 minutes before leaving wharf.

(f) Vessels shall report to VTS center in due time when proceeding into or out of fairway.

(g) Vessels to be engaged in towing, carrying out operations, bunkering, supplying water or transshipping shall make an application and a report to VTS Center their sailing plan 20 minutes in advance; such operations can not be done unless permitted, and a report shall be made in time upon completion.

#### Rule 5

Vessels involved in maritime traffic accident, pollution accident or other urgent cases within the VTS water area shall report to VTS Center immediately by VHF radiotelephone or other effective means.

#### Rule 6

Vessels shall report to VTS Center immediately upon finding fairway altered, aids to navigation or navigational facilities off-position, missing, damaged or abnormal, obstructions, drifting objects or other unusual conditions hampering the safety of navigation.

### PART III VESSEL TRAFFIC CONTROL

#### Rule 7

Vessels navigating, berthing or carrying out operations within the VTS water area shall observe, in addition to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972, the following rules:

(a) Vessels shall keep a listening watch continuously on VHF channel 08, and be subject to any inquiry by VTS Center.

(b) Vessels shall navigate carefully and maintain a safe speed within VTS water area.

(c) Unless permitted by VTS Center under special circumstances, crossing channels or anchorages is prohibited;

(d) Unless permitted by VTS Center, anchoring is prohibited outside harbor anchorages;

(e) Vessels are not allowed to anchor in anchoring - prohibited areas by the competent authority promulgated. When having to do so in case of emergency, they shall report to VTS Center immediately.

(f) Unless permitted by VTS Center, vessels are not allowed to try navigation

or test speed in channel or anchorages.

(g) Vessels are not allowed to be involved in fishing, sailing or other activities hampering navigation in channel, basin or anchorages or in areas nearby.

(h) Pilots shall embark in pilot waters by the competent authority promulgated.

(i) Vessels shall obtain permission in advance from VTS Center if they need pilots to embark outside the pilot waters due to special conditions.

#### Rule 8

VTS Center is authorized to organize vessel traffic in line with the traffic flow, navigational surroundings and vessel movement schedule, and has the right to make import or export plan adjusted or changed on the basis of prevailing conditions. The vessels concerned shall act according to the overall instructions while VTS Center is organizing vessel traffic and keeping traffic order in harbor water area.

#### Rule 9

VTS Center may give a warning to and vessel found hampering traffic and such vessel shall make corrections and be subject to settlement.

#### Rule 10

VTS Center shall make urgent suggestion or recommendation, offer advice or give a warning to and vessel found to be involved in any potential risk of navigation in order to avoid close-quarters situation or accidents. The vessel concerned shall take safety measures accordingly as soon as possible.

### PART IV VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES

#### Rule 11

Upon request of a vessel, VTS Center may provide information about other Vessels' movement, aids to navigation, or hydro-meteorological information, navigational warning, notice to mariners or other related services. Daily from 1100 to 1105 and 1600 to 1605 Beijing time, VTS Center shall broadcast the port's vessels' movement, navigational warning, aids to navigation etc. in Chinese or English to vessels within the VTS water area on VHF CH08. The aforesaid information may be broadcast at any time if deemed necessary by VTS Center.

#### Rule 12

Upon request of a vessel or if deemed necessary by VTS Center, VTS Center may provide navigational assistance and a report should be made in time if such assistance is no longer required.

#### Rule 13

VTS Center may transfer information about salvage or pollutant - cleaning and may help in coordinating rescue action if deemed necessary by VTS Center or upon request of a vessel or its owner, operator or agent.

#### Rule 14

VTS Center may also provide other services in addition to those listed in these rules upon request of a vessel or its owner, operator or agent. The related matters should be decided through discussion between VTS Center and the party served before the service is provided.

#### PART V LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

##### Rule 15

The competent authority may impose penalties on vessels and persons that have violated these rules according to the relevant regulations concerning penalties in maritime traffic control. Those whose violation of these rules has constituted a crime shall be subject to penalties by judicial organs.

##### Rule 16

These rules shall in no case exonerate masters from the responsibility for safe navigation of their own vessels, and shall not impede carrying out the duties by pilots and masters respectively.

##### Rule 17

Masters and pilots shall report to VTS Center immediately when making a departure from the relevant rules aforesaid or in order to avoid urgent cases endangering life, property or environment.

#### PART VI APPENDIX

##### Rule 18

Matters not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with in accordance with national laws, statutes, rules and relevant international conventions.

##### Rule 19

These rules shall not exonerate vessels from their responsibilities to report to the competent authority prescribed in other relevant regulations.

##### Rule 20

Huanghua Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China is solely responsible for the interpretation of these rules.

##### Rule 21

These rules shall come into force upon promulgation.