

**Announcement by the Maritime Safety Administration of the  
People's Republic of China on Reporting Requirements for  
Foreign-flagged Ships Entering the Internal Waters of the People's  
Republic of China in Emergency Situations**

According to the *Maritime Traffic Safety Law of the People's Republic of China*, foreign-flagged ships shall make an urgent report to the maritime administrations when entering the internal waters of the People's Republic of China in emergency situations. The relevant reporting requirements are hereby announced as follows:

**PART 1 APPLICATION**

The reporting requirements apply to foreign-flagged ships which need to urgently enter the internal waters of the People's Republic of China due to emergency situations, such as urgent illness, mechanical failure, distress, and adverse weather conditions, when a permit to enter port areas has not yet been obtained.

**PART 2 REPORTING CHANNELS**

The reporting shall be done through, inter alia, marine radiotelephony, DSC on VHF, MF and HF, marine satellite

telephone, wired telephone, fax, the national hotline “12395” for maritime search and rescue when in distress, or other effective means.

### **PART 3 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

1. In the case of an emergency, a foreign-flagged ship shall, while entering the internal waters of the People’s Republic of China, make an urgent report to the local maritime administration with the following contents:

- (1) Name of ship, IMO number, call sign, flag, type of ship, and contact information;
- (2) Ship owner, operator and manager;
- (3) Ship position, course, speed and planned navigation routes;
- (4) Estimated entry and departure time;
- (5) Main dimensions and draft of the ship;
- (6) Number of the crew and passengers onboard and their health conditions, and the number of persons in distress, illness or casualties;
- (7) Cargo information, and the official names, UN numbers,

pollution classes and quantities of the dangerous goods;

(8) Direct cause of the emergency entry, measures taken and assistance requested; and

(9) The Emergency Report Form (see appendix), which shall be submitted as supplement as soon as the ship has entered the internal waters of the People's Republic of China.

2. If the Automatic Identification System (AIS) of a foreign-flagged ship does not work properly after emergency entry into the internal waters of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the above-mentioned reporting requirements, the following information shall be reported every hour until the ship leaves the internal waters of the People's Republic of China or obtains a permit to enter port areas:

(1) Name of ship, call sign and IMO number; and

(2) Current ship position, intended course and speed.

#### **PART 4 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

1. The foreign-flagged ship entering the internal waters of the People's Republic of China in emergency situations shall be subject to instructions and supervision of the competent maritime

administrations.

2. The competent maritime administration is entitled to take actions according to relevant laws, regulations and rules in the case that a foreign-flagged ship fails to report as required, or refuses to follow its instructions or supervision.

This announcement shall enter into force as of March 1st, 2025.

## Appendix

### Emergency Report Form

Particulars of ship	Name of ship		Flag		Type of ship	
	Call sign		IMO No.		Position	
	L.O.A		Breadth		Draft	
	Course and speed		Port of departure		Port of arrival	
	Ship owner			Ship operator		
	Ship manager					
	Hull color, funnel color and logo					
Details of entering China's internal waters	Entry time			Departure time		
	Departure port and departure time			Last port of call and departure time		
	Number of crew and passengers					
Cargo information	Name of cargo			Details	General cargo (ton)	
	Cargo quantity (ton)				Dangerous goods (ton)	
	Official name and UN number of the dangerous goods			Class of the dangerous goods		
Meteorological and hydrological conditions						
Direct cause of the emergency entry, measures taken and assistance requested						
Remarks						
Contact details (ship and agent):			Name of ship: Date (year/month/day):			