

# Republic of the Marshall Islands

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### MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 13-21

**To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations**

**Subject: NEW CHINESE REPORTING SYSTEM FOR FOREIGN-FLAGGED VESSELS**

**Date: 15 September 2021**

The Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) of the People's Republic of China (China) has issued a revised maritime traffic safety law that impacts foreign-flagged vessels. Although an [unofficial English translation may be viewed here](#), aspects of the revised law may need further clarification. This advisory will be updated as more information becomes available.

#### 1.0 Applicability

1.1 Effective as of 1 September 2021, the following foreign-flagged vessels (including Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged vessels) are required to provide advance notice to China MSA when entering waters within the jurisdiction of 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 China, as prescribed by Chinese laws, administrative regulations, or provisions of their State Council.

#### 2.0 Reporting

2.1 The RMI Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") understands that the following information must be reported:

- .1 ship's name, call sign, International Maritime Organization (IMO) Number, and its Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI);

This MSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.

- .2 report date and time, ship's current position;
- .3 last port of call and departure time;
- .4 next port of call and estimated time of arrival;
- .5 satellite telephone number; and
- .6 name of shipborne dangerous goods, United Nations (UN) number (if none, mark with NA), category of noxious substance (if non-application, mark with NA), and cargo dead weight (ton).

2.2 Reporting may be done through any of the following channels:

- .1 website: <https://www.sh.msa.gov.cn/chnshiprep>;
- .2 email: [chnshiprep@shmsa.gov.cn](mailto:chnshiprep@shmsa.gov.cn);
- .3 fax: +86-21-66072764; or
- .4 telephone: +86-21-65089469.

### 3.0 Compliance

- 3.1 The Administrator urges all vessel operators transiting the area to liaise with their local agents to ensure compliance and stay informed of updates to this law. Penalties for non-compliance range from fines to being asked to leave China's waters.