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

Subject: CHINA MARITIME SAFETY ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR SHIPPING COMPANIES

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On 24 November 2025, China Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) published *Guidelines on Shipping Companies' Fulfillment of Primary Responsibility for Work Safety* ([Version 1.0](#)).

The Guidelines were formulated to assist shipping companies fulfill their primary responsibility for work safety, reduce the risk of accidents which could arise from navigation or operations under adverse weather conditions, collisions between merchant ships and fishing ships, and ship-bridge allisions. The Guidelines address the risks present in the marine industry, and the mitigating measures which can be taken to enhance shore-based management and strengthen existing safety management systems.

It is recommended that Owners, Operators, and Masters of Republic of the Marshall Islands-flagged vessels take note of the Guidelines with the aim of promoting work safety and reducing the risk of accidents.

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is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.