

Reporting requirements imposed by China MSA on foreign vessels entering into Chinese water

On 27 August 2021, China Maritime Safety Administration issued an announcement entitled “Reporting requirements for Vessels of Foreign Nationality Entering the Territorial Sea of the People’s Republic of China”. The official English version of the full text is below:

Announcement by Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China on Reporting Requirements for Vessels of Foreign Nationality Entering the Territorial Sea of the People's Republic of China

According to *Maritime Traffic Safety Law of the People's Republic of China*, vessels of foreign nationality entering the territorial sea of the P.R. China shall report to the maritime administrations of the P.R. China.

PART 1 Application

The reporting requirements apply to the following vessels of foreign nationality entering the territorial sea of the P.R. 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;
5. 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.

PART 2 Reporting channels

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

PART 3 Reporting requirements

1 When entering the territorial sea of the P.R.China, the vessel shall report:

- 1.1.1 ship's name, call sign, IMO Number, MMSI (format example: SPRING/DFPH2/9365788/218846000//);

- 1.1.2 report date and time, ship's current position (format example: 202108/211450UTC/2933N/12312E//);
 - 1.1.3 last port of call and departure time (format example: SINGAPORE/202108/112150UTC//);
 - 1.1.4 next port of call and estimated time of arrival (format example: SHANGHAI/202108/251830UTC//);
 - 1.1.5 satellite telephone number (format example: 00870773156389//);
 - 1.1.6 name of shipborne dangerous goods, UN number (if none, mark with NA), category of noxious substance(if non-applicable, mark with NA), cargo dead weight(ton) (format example: BENZENE/1114/Y/50000//).
- 2 After entering the territorial sea of the P.R.China, follow-up report is not required, if the vessel automatic identification system is in good condition. But if the automatic identification system does not work properly, in addition to above-mentioned reporting requirements, the following information shall be reported every two hours until the vessel leaves China's territorial sea:
- 2.1 ship's name, call sign, IMO Number, MMSI (format example: SPRING/DFPH2/9365788/218846000//);
 - 2.2 report date and time, ship's current position (format example: 202108/221108UTC/3016N/12303E//);
 - 2.3 estimated course and average speed (format example: COG296/SOG125//).
- 3 In case the vessel fails to report as required, the maritime administration will deal with it according to relevant laws, regulations, rules and provisions.

This Notice will come into effect on September 1, 2021.