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Subject: Compliance with Reporting Requirements for Foreign-Flagged Ships Entering Chinese Internal Waters in Emergency Situations

**Reference: (a) [Announcement of China Maritime Safety Administration \(CMSA\)](#)
(b) [The Emergency Report Form \(Appendix\)](#)**

To: Shipowners/Operators/Masters

Purpose

The purpose of this Marine Advisory is to draw the attention of Shipowners, Operators and Masters to the reporting requirements for foreign-flagged ships entering Chinese internal waters in emergency situations.

Background

The announcement issued by China Maritime Safety Administration (CMSA) addresses the reporting requirement with effect from 1 March 2025, regarding the entry into Chinese internal waters in 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.

Liberian-flagged vessels in the need to enter in Chinese internal waters due to an emergency situation shall be subject to instructions and supervision of CMSA.

Requirements:

1. Reporting Channels
 - Marine radiotelephony, DSC on VHF/MF/HF;
 - Marine satellite telephone, wired telephone, fax;
 - Maritime Search and Rescue national Hotline “12395”; and
 - Other effective means.
2. The Emergency Report Form ([Appendix](#)), to be submitted as supplement as soon as the ship has entered the Chinese internal waters.
3. If the vessel’s AIS is non-operational after emergency entry into Chinese internal waters, hourly updates are required until departure from Chinese internal waters or port entry permission is granted:
 - Ship name, call sign, IMO number; and
 - Current position, intended course, and speed.

If you have any questions, please contact our Fleet Performance Department at Telephone: +1-703-790-3434 or by email to prevention@lisrcr.com and/or the Marine Investigations Department by email to investigations@lisrcr.com.

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):			