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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC): SPECIAL SAFETY AND SECURITY INSPECTIONS FOR VESSELS ENTERING QINGDAO WATERS

Your Managers have been notified of new special safety and security inspections for vessels entering, navigating, berthing and/or operating within Qingdao waters.

Specifically, these inspections apply to the maritime administrative jurisdictions of Qingdao Qianwan Maritime Safety Administration (MSA), Huangdao MSA, Dagang MSA, Qianhai MSA and Laoshan MSA.

Requirements for vessels of PRC nationality (PRC flagged)

1. Members must apply to the local MSA for special safety inspection. If the vessel's previous port was overseas, the application of special safety inspection must be submitted when handling normal port entry formalities.
2. The element of special safety inspection include, but are not limited to, the following items: automatic identification system (AIS) related equipment, navigational charts and publications, communication equipment, steering equipment, persons onboard, any dangerous goods that are carried onboard, "low-slow and small aircraft", etc.
3. A self-inspection to determine if there are any "low-slow and small aircraft" carried on board the vessel, or by crew members, is required. These items are prohibited and, if found on board, the local authority will immediately require the vessel to dispose of the aircraft locally. If there is practical difficulty in doing so, the Member may submit an application to the local authority for approval of the item in question which should include information on the type, quantity, module, and means of temporarily disabling it, and a warranty not to use the aircraft inside Qingdao water areas.

"Low-slow and small aircraft" are defined as: light/ultra-light aircraft (including light/ultra-light helicopter), gliders, delta wings, powered hang gliders, manned balloons, airships, paragliders, powered gliders, unmanned aerial vehicles, aero models, unmanned automatic balloons and captive balloons.

4. The local MSA will conduct a vessel inspection if the following occurs: ordinary or more serious accidents; malfunction of any major navigational equipment and anti-pollution equipment; or any change in crew information.

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5. Vessels entering Qingdao water areas as their next port of call from a domestic PRC port, shall submit a “Specific Safety Inspection Items List” and “On-Boarding Personnel Information Report Form” with a special safety inspection stamp to the local MSA when handling departure formalities. The “Ship Information Report Form” and “On-Boarding Personnel Information Report Form”, signed and confirmed by master shall also be submitted. If ships of Chinese flag intend to enter Qingdao waters directly from an overseas port, the above documentation shall be submitted when handling port entry formalities. These forms are in both [English](#) and [Mandarin](#).

Requirements for vessels of foreign nationality (non-PRC flagged)

1. For non-PRC flagged vessels, a special security inspection will be conducted by the local MSA of the previous port of call. The special security inspection will be carried out by the Shandong MSA if the vessel calls Qingdao directly from an overseas port.
2. The main contents of special security inspection include, but are not limited to, the vessel’s security certificates, security records, continuous summary records, security control measures, the vessel’s entry points, control of boarding persons and their belongings and markings and identification of restricted areas on board the vessel. The special security inspection will be conducted in accordance with relevant vessel security records of persons aboard, whether there are any “low-slow and small aircraft” carried by the vessel or crew members, and whether the vessel’s security officer and designated security personnel are familiar with the corresponding measures for different security levels as required by the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. The inspection and disposal of “low-slow and small aircraft” is the same as the requirement of special safety inspection as noted in paragraph 3 above.
3. The local MSA will conduct a vessel inspection if the following occurs: ordinary or more serious accidents; malfunction of any major navigational equipment and anti-pollution equipment; or any change in crew information.

Additional information

1. Vessels should ensure that their AIS remains on, is in good working order and inputs made accurately. Vessels with AIS or VHF equipment that are not installed, should be in good working order. Any AIS or VHF equipment found to be non-operational should be reported to the relevant local MSA.

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2. The launching of dinghies, manned buoys, work boats, survival craft, rescue boats, submersibles or unmanned boats are prohibited, except in the case of emergency, without the approval of the local MSA.

Your Managers are grateful to Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Ltd. in Qingdao for providing this information.