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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC): PROHIBITION OF THE CARRIAGE OF HIGHLY TOXIC CHEMICALS IN THE PRC'S YANGTZE RIVER BASIN

As of March 1, 2021, the PRC's Yangtze River Protection Law prohibits the transportation of acutely toxic chemicals and other dangerous substances by ship in the Yangtze River Basin. The Yangtze River Basin includes the ports of Changshu, Jiangyin, Jingjiang, Ma An Shan, Nanjing, Nantong, Shanghai, Tiancang, Taizhou, Wuhan, Yibin Zhangjiagang, Zhengjiang.

The chemicals that are prohibited for transport are listed in:

- the [Catalogue of Hazardous Chemicals \(2015\)](#); and
- the [Catalogue of Prohibited Dangerous Chemicals by Inland River \(2019 edition\)](#).

Although the attached Catalogues are in Mandarin, the targeted chemicals can be investigated by their unique Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) Registry Number.

Members may face significant fines or other penalties, such as the revocation of their business license, if these requirements are violated. Members should ensure that they perform an appropriate level of due diligence to avoid the carriage of such cargoes. In addition, Members should consider any relevant clauses in their charter parties for carrying any chemicals through the Yangtze River Basin region.

Your Managers recommend that Members take note of this information and be guided accordingly. They also wish to thank the Club's correspondents, Huatai Insurance Agency & Consulting Services, Ltd., for their assistance in providing the information contained above as further detailed in their circular found [here](#).