

Collision between the Hong Kong registered container ship *CSCL Ningbo* and the Chinese registered cargo ship *Jin Hai Da 18* in Taiwan Strait on 23.8.2006

1. The Incident

- 1.1 At about 2315 local time on 23 August 2006, the Hong Kong registered container ship *CSCL Ningbo* collided with the Chinese registered cargo ship *Jin Hai Da 18* at approximate position 24°10.5'N 118°17.0'E. At the time of the accident, the weather conditions were fine with east-northeasterly wind at force 3. The sea was slight and the visibility was about 7 nautical miles (n.m.). The current was setting northwest at the rate of 2.8 knots. *CSCL Ningbo* sustained minor damages to the hull on the port side and *Jin Hai Da 18* immediately sank after the collision. Five crew members were rescued and three crew members were found missing.

2. Lessons

- 2.1 Masters and Navigating Officers should comply with COLREGS for navigation at all times.
- 2.2 When a close quarters situation or risk of collision is likely to develop, early action to avoid collision should be made in compliance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.