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**To: Shipowners, Ship Managers and Ship Masters**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

### Precautions when Navigating in Fog and through Fishing Vessel Areas in Ningbo-Zhoushan port, P.R. China

We would like to bring your attention to the additional precautions that should be given when navigating in fog season and fishing vessels concentrated areas around Ningbo-Zhoushan of China.

Port of Ningbo-Zhoushan in Zhejiang Province of China is one of the busiest cargo ports in the world. Located in the East China Sea coastal fog area, dense fog is observed in Zhejiang throughout the year with particular high frequency from March to July. Situated next to the East China Sea fishing zone, ocean-going cargo ships trading along the coast of Zhejiang are also expected to encounter fishing vessels of various sizes with operating in concentration during the fishing seasons.

Owing to the low visibility caused by the dense fog or high fishing concentrated area along this busy maritime route way, special attention for the following reminders is called to prevent collisions in that area:

- 1) Owners should ensure ship masters are familiar with the appended advisory prepared by Ningbo MSA;
- 2) precautions should be taken when navigating through areas of large number of fishing vessels;
- 3) additional lookouts with maintaining safe speed should be considered, especially at night and during periods of fog;
- 4) care should be taken to keep clear of vessels engaged in fishing; and
- 5) ship masters should stand by, render aid and immediately report the casualty to the local MSA authority and this Administration upon collision.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at [ss\\_css@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:ss_css@mardep.gov.hk).

Yours faithfully,

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