

## Public Administration Notification on foreign flag ships entering China ports



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In accordance with the relevant provisions of the "China Frontier Health and Quarantine Law", "China Emergency Response Law", "China Maritime Traffic Safety Law" and other relevant regulations, China Customs, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Foreign Affairs jointly announced on 24<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2020:

1. The content of this notice is applicable to all international ships that intend to come to China.
2. This notice applies to ships changing crews at a port or place before coming to China and within 14 days prior to arrival in China. The crew members who board the ship should complete the new crown pneumonia nucleic acid test within 3 days before boarding, board ship with a negative nucleic acid test certificate. Testing should be carried out in institutions designated or recognized by Chinese embassies and consulates abroad.
3. When going through the formalities for entering the first port of China on international voyages, ship operators or its agency shall report to authorities in the first China port with the name of the last overseas port and the new boarding within 14 days before arrival. Copy of the certificates of negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test for the new crew members are the must.
4. Ships violating the requirements of this notice may cause difficulty to ship berthing and operation in China. If the

circumstances are serious, it may bear administrative legal liabilities according to law. For those crew members i) boarded the ship at the last overseas port / place before coming to China or 2) within 14 days before arriving at the port in China, if they did not hold or hold a fake nucleic acid test negative certificate, and caused the spread of COVID-19 in the China, those may therefore bear criminal liability in accordance with the law.

This Public Notice immediately comes into effect.

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