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Sayın Üyemiz,

Uluslararası Deniz Ticaret Odası'ndan (International Chamber of Shipping - ICS) alınan 02.08.2021 tarihli Ek'te sunulan yazıda, ICS Çin İrtibat Bürosu tarafından Temmuz 2021 raporunun hazırlandığı bilgisi verilmektedir.

Söz konusu raporda; Çin'deki gemi personeli değişimleri, Hintli gemi personeline sahip gemilerin Çin limanlarına girişlerinde herhangi bir yasaklama bulunmadığı, COVID-19 vakalarından dolayı 9 gemi işletmecisine Çin tarafından gemi personeli değişim yasağı getirildiği, Xinhua-Baltık Uluslararası Deniz Taşımacılığı Merkezi Kalkınma Endeksi'nin (Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index) yayımlandığı ve gemi insanların aşılması ile ilgili olarak Hong Kong Armatörler Birliği (Hong Kong Shipowners Association) tarafından çağrı yapıldığı hususları yer almaktadır.

Söz konusu Rapor Ek'te sunulmaktadır.

Bilgilerinize arz/rica ederim.

Saygılarımla,

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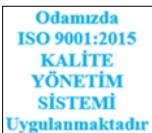
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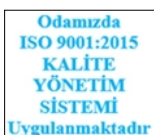
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### **CHINA DEVELOPMENTS - JULY 2021**

**Action required: *To note the attached monthly report from the ICS (China) Liaison Office.***

Attached at **Annex A**, please find the monthly report prepared by the ICS (China) Liaison Office for July 2021.

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## ICS (China) Liaison Office Monthly Report

July 2021

Note: From January 2020, the ICS (China) Liaison Office (the “Office”) is dedicated to issue report to ICS members on a monthly basis. The Office hopes through regular written reports to update ICS members of significant developments within the PRC that might affect or be of relevance to international ship operators, and the works done by the Office. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> report for July 2021.

### 1. Crew Change in Mainland China

Due to the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 virus mutations, it is almost impossible for the port authorities to allow foreign seafarers to embark or disembark a vessel since the epidemic prevention policy is becoming more and more strict against the backdrop of new outbreaks in several Chinese cities.

If special circumstances exist, the port authorities may take a one case one meeting policy to settle the issue.

In addition, according to the notice of the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China, people who are easily exposed, e.g. shore personnel, cold chain workers and customs officers, will be prioritised when it comes to receiving the vaccine.

It is advised that for shipowners and operators who have crew change scheduled in China are recommended to contact their local agent as early as possible for an update on the latest quarantine requirements.

It is also understood that the disembarkation of sick or injured crew is in most cases approved by Chinese authorities. That said, it is sensible to closely liaise with local agents well before the vessel's arrival in case a sick or injured seafarer needs to be disembarked in a Chinese port.

### 2. No banning ships with Indian seafarers from calling at Chinese ports

There were news reports on 26 July 2021 suggesting that China was banning ships with Indian seafarers from calling at Chinese ports: <https://splash247.com/mumbai-trade-union-claims-china-is-banning-indian-seafarers-from-entering-the-country/>.

This hot-button issue was clarified on 27 July at the regular press conference hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China ([https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/xwfw\\_665399/s2510\\_665401/t1895361.shtml](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/t1895361.shtml)) and the relevant paragraphs are quoted below for ease of reference:-

[Quote]

Prasar Bharati: All India Seafarers Union has said China has imposed an unofficial ban on commercial vessels with Indian crew. They said that China is not allowing such ships with Indian crew to berth at Chinese ports. This is happening since March. Can you please confirm this? Do you have any response to this?

Zhao Lijian: We can confirm after verification that China has never imposed the so-called "unofficial ban" you mentioned. Relevant reports by Indian media are not true.

[Unquote]

It is also noted that on 28 July Chinese shipping media Xinde Marine quoting Shipmanagement companies such as Fleetship Management and the DG India that China is not carrying out such ban (<https://www.xindemarineneews.com/en/regulations/2021/0728/31208.html>).

The Office also verified with relevant Chinese authorities that this is a fake news that China has never imposed ban on entry of Indian seafarers. As above mentioned, the relevant restrictive measures adopted by the Chinese port authorities equally apply to all foreign seafarers, regardless of their nationalities, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in China.

The Office has also checked with the contacts of BIMCO, Intertanko, Intercargo and WSC, whom all confirmed that none of their members had raised such issue.

### **3. China imposes bans on nine shipmanagers crew change due to Covid-19 cases**

It is reported and confirmed that China Maritime Safety Administration has handed crew change bans to nine shipmanagers, due to several instances of crew arriving in the country with Covid-19 infections.

The bans will be last from 15 days to one month.

The shipmanagers who are suspended to conduct crew changes for 15 days during 5-20 July are as below:

- TW Ship Management Pvt, Ltd
- Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement (Hong Kong) Ltd
- Navios Tankers Management Inc
- Hongxin Ship Management Ltd

The shipmanagers who are suspended to conduct crew changes for 30 days during 5 Jul – 5 August as below:

- Shanghai Dingheng Shipping Technology Co, Ltd
- Iskenderunv Gemi Isletmeciligi Ltd Sti
- Technomar Shipping Inc
- KS Shipping Co, Ltd
- Xiamen ITG Shipping Co, Ltd

It is understood that such a ban or suspension is sort of “circuit breakers”, which is a similar system being applied by many countries for airlines.

#### **4. 2021 Xinhua Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index released**

The report of 2021 Xinhua Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index, published by Chinese news agency Xinhua, and global maritime data provider, the Baltic Exchange, was announced on 11 July in Shanghai.

Due to the size of its port, number of internationally-focused shipbrokers, financiers, lawyers and insurers based there and its supportive government policies, Singapore has been ranked as the top global shipping centre for the 8<sup>th</sup> year running. Despite a significant drop in global trade and business disruptions in 2020 due to the pandemic, the relative positions of the world's leading maritime centres have remained unchanged. Hong Kong has held on to 4<sup>th</sup> position, after Shanghai and London, and before Dubai.

The index is an independent ranking of the performance of locations around the world that provide port and professional services to the shipping industry. The rankings take in port factors including cargo throughput, number of cranes, length of container berths and port draught; number of players in maritime support businesses such as shipbroking, ship management, ship financing, insurance and law as well as hull underwriting premiums; and general business environment factors such as customs tariffs, extent of electronic government services and administration, ease of doing business and logistics performance.

To access the full report in English: [https://ed.cnfic.com.cn/uploads/1/file/public/202107/20210711191846\\_olhhuayya5.pdf](https://ed.cnfic.com.cn/uploads/1/file/public/202107/20210711191846_olhhuayya5.pdf).

#### **5. HKSOA calls for vaccines for seafarers**

It is understood that Hong Kong Shipowners Association has been liaising with the Hong Kong SAR Government to use the spare vaccines in Hong Kong to vaccinate crew (including foreign seafarers) of vessels of all types who call at Hong Kong port.

Mr. Bjorn Hojgaard, Chairman of HKSOA and CEO of Anglo-Eastern Univan Group, published two articles in South China Morning Post to encourage the Government to take the move and explain to the public the necessity of providing vaccines to seafarers.

- Why Hong Kong should give excess Covid-19 vaccines to seafarers: <https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3139569/why-hong-kong-should-give-excess-covid-19-vaccines-seafarers>
- How Hong Kong can chart a course towards living with Covid-19: <https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3142559/how-hong-kong-can-chart-course-towards-living-covid-19>

#### **6. Keep updating the Chinese shipping community of the ICS events and international shipping developments**

As continuous efforts in promoting the ICS' presence in China, the Office continues to publish press statements through the WeChat accounts of the Chinese shipping media.

- (1) 15 July 2021: EU overreach threatens to sink shipping's decarbonisation efforts, warns ICS

Beyond Shipping: <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/3j6FX9j8sLx4p5FRWkYCSw>  
Xinde Marine: <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/-arN8V7emQv4bnOBuptNZw>  
China Shipping Gazette: <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/VLI6WWre1IShxGvmRHW-dQ>

- (2) 22 July 2021: Shipping industry announces international decarbonisation conference at COP 26

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Maritime China: <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/3OoXLKcihSh3nU8fOb-ZqQ>

- (3) 29 July 2021: New BIMCO/ICS Seafarer Workforce Report warns of serious potential officer shortage

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Best regards,

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