

### CHINA. FIRST BATCH OF HIGH-RISK WARNING AREAS OF COLLISION BETWEEN MERCHANT AND FISHING VESSELS DESIGNATED IN FUJIAN COAST

Ingosstrakh's P&I Correspondent in China Messrs. Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Ltd., reports on new announcement of Fujian MSA concerning high risk warning due to end of summer fishing ban.

As it stands, the three and a half month summer fishing ban for some coastal areas in Fujian province (Fujian sea area South of 26°30'N) has ended at 1200 on August 16, and fishermen began fishing operation at sea. Fujian Maritime Safety Administration of P.R.C. and Fujian Provincial Department of Ocean and Fisheries issued Announcement on Publishing the First Batch of High Risk Warning Areas of Collision between Merchant and Fishing Vessels (herein after referred to as 'high risk warning areas'), wherein the high risk warning areas were published to remind vessels to prevent collision risks.

Numerous fishery farms are distributed in Fujian's coastal waters, with over 30 thousand fishing boats working throughout the year. Meanwhile, the waters are vital seaways for merchant vessels. In order to prevent collisions between merchant and fishing vessels, a joint research to avoid the risk of collision between merchant and fishing vessels was conducted by Fujian MSA and Fujian Provincial Department of Ocean and Fisheries. As a result, 10 high risk warning areas were designated on basis of the analysis of AIS track data in Fujian coastal waters 2021, and collision accidents in Fujian coastal waters in the recent 10 years.

These high risk warning areas include 10 areas: Shacheng Bay Estuary, Funing Bay Estuary, Lianjiang East, Pingtan East, Niushan Island Southeast, Nanri Island Southeast, Quanzhou Bay Estuary, Xiamen Bay Estuary, Futou Bay Estuary, Dongshan Island Southeast. Their position and coordinates are available via [this link](#) on Correspondent's web site.

As usually, vessels are recommended to plan routes reasonably, try to avoid fishing vessel concentrated waters. Appropriate bridge watch arrangement shall be made and a proper look-out shall be maintained to take collision avoidance action timely.

## BLACK SEA GRAIN INITIATIVE. JOINT COORDINATION CENTRE (JCC) PROCEDURES FOR MERCHANT VESSELS WITH CARGOS FROM UKRAINE

On 22 July the Republic of Turkey, Ukraine, the Russian Federation and the UN agreed the Initiative on the safe export of foodstuffs and fertilizers, from the Ukrainian ports of Odesa, Chernomorsk and Yuzhny. All the operations will be coordinated by the Joint Co-ordination Centre (JCC) in Istanbul comprised of representatives of the three parties and the United Nations.

JCC has now published detailed procedures for all merchant ships planning to export foodstuffs and fertilizers including ammonia from these ports. The procedures are mandatory requirements pursuant to the SOLAS Regulation XI-2/11 and the ISPC Code, Part A, section 4.2 and Part B, section 4.26 as a condition of port entry or departure to or from the Ukrainian ports. Full text of Procedures is available on UN web site via [this link](#).