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Dear Captain
Good Day,

Referring to the detention and subsequent fine of one of the fleet vessels for garbage disposal in the passage from Zhoushan to Yangshan (In China) in violence of Chinese regulations, your kind attention is drawn to the followings:

- As per “ Article 3 of Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone law of People’s Republic of China”, the breadth of the territorial sea of the People's Republic of China is twelve nautical miles, measured from **the baselines**. Based on that, Chinese authorities consider MARPOL Annex V requirements for garbage disposal (≥ 3 nm OR ≥ 12 nm from the nearest land depending on the type of garbage and position of vessel inside or outside special areas) **from the baseline and NOT from the nearest land**.

Therefore before disposing garbage in Chinese coast line, it is absolutely essential to plot the baselines and then if outside 3 or 12 nautical miles (DEPENDING ON THE GARBAGE TYPE) distance from baseline dispose the garbage at sea and record the exact position and type of garbage disposed in the “Garbage Record Book”.

- As per “Article 15 of Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone law of People’s Republic of China”, the baselines of the territorial sea of the People's Republic of China shall be promulgated by the Government of the People's Republic of China. Attached you can find the declaration of baselines as promulgated by Chinese authorities.
- As per Chinese regulations, Bohai Sea is considered as Inland water.

Therefore disposal of garbage within this sea is not allowed at all. The baselines from which the territorial sea extends to the East, and the inland waters extend to the West, connect the land to the North and South of the Bohai Strait via the numerous islands lying within the Strait. As the exact co-ordinates of the points connecting these baselines are not publicly available, vessels should consider that the baseline runs straight across the

Bohai Strait, joining the following two points, which will give a conservative estimation of the extent of the inland waters and adjacent territorial sea:

- 38° 43.6' N; 121° 08.2' E
 - 37° 49.9' N; 120° 44.8' E
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- In order to avoid vessel's detention and any fine being imposed on the fleet vessels, it is absolutely required to comply with above regulations when navigating near Chinese coastal waters.
 - **Pls attach a copy of this mail and its attachments to the vessel's "Garbage Record Book".**

You are requested to confirm receipt, discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board & keep a copy in the file DA-11 .

Best Regards,

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**Declaration of the Government of the People's Republic of China
on the baselines of the territorial sea, 15 May 1996**

In accordance with the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone adopted and promulgated on 25 February 1992, the Government of the People's Republic of China hereby announces the baselines of part of its territorial sea adjacent to the mainland and those of the territorial sea adjacent to its Xisha Islands as follows:

I. The baselines of part of the territorial sea adjacent to the mainland are composed of all the straight lines joining the adjacent base points listed below:

1. Shandonggaojiao (1)	37° 24.0' N	122° 42.3' E
2. Shandonggaojiao (2)	37° 23.7' N	122° 42.3' E
3. Moyedao (1)	36° 57.8' N	122° 34.2' E
4. Moyedao (2)	36° 55.1' N	122° 32.7' E
5. Moyedao (3)	36° 53.7' N	122° 31.1' E
6. Sushandao	36° 44.8' N	122° 15.8' E
7. Chaoliandao	35° 53.6' N	120° 53.1' E
8. Dashandao	35° 00.2' N	119° 54.2' E
9. Macaiheng	33° 21.8' N	121° 20.8' E
10. Waikejiao	33° 00.9' N	121° 38.4' E
11. Sheshandao	31° 25.3' N	122° 14.6' E
12. Haijiao	30° 44.1' N	123° 09.4' E
13. Dongnanjiao	30° 43.5' N	123° 09.7' E
14. Liangxiongdiyu	30° 10.1' N	122° 56.7' E
15. Yushanliedao	28° 53.3' N	122° 16.5' E
16. Taizhouliedao (1)	28° 23.9' N	121° 55.0' E
17. Taizhouliedao (2)	28° 23.5' N	121° 54.7' E
18. Daotiaoshan	27° 27.9' N	121° 07.8' E
19. Dongyindao	26° 22.6' N	120° 30.4' E
20. Dongshadao	26° 09.4' N	120° 24.3' E
21. Niushandao	25° 25.8' N	119° 56.3' E
22. Wuqiuyu	24° 58.6' N	119° 28.7' E
23. Dongdingdao	24° 09.7' N	118° 14.2' E
24. Daganshan	23° 31.9' N	117° 41.3' E
25. Nanpengliedao (1)	23° 12.9' N	117° 14.9' E
26. Nanpengliedao (2)	23° 12.3' N	117° 13.9' E
27. Shibeishanjiao	22° 56.1' N	116° 29.7' E
28. Zhentouyan	22° 18.9' N	115° 07.5' E
29. Jiapengliedao	21° 48.5' N	113° 58.0' E
30. Weijiadao	21° 34.1' N	112° 47.9' E
31. Dafanshi	21° 27.7' N	112° 21.5' E
32. Qizhouliedao	19° 58.5' N	111° 16.4' E
33. Shuangfan	19° 53.0' N	111° 12.8' E
34. Dazhoudao (1)	18° 39.7' N	110° 29.6' E

35. Dazhoudao (2)	18° 39.4' N	110° 29.1' E
36. Shuangfanshi	18° 26.1' N	110° 08.4' E
37. Lingshuijiao	18° 23.0' N	110° 03.0' E
38. Dongzhou (1)	18° 11.0' N	109° 42.1' E
39. Dongzhou (2)	18° 11.0' N	109° 41.8' E
40. Jinmujiao	18° 09.5' N	109° 34.4' E
41. Shenshijiao	18° 14.6' N	109° 07.6' E
42. Xigudao	18° 19.3' N	108° 57.1' E
43. Yinggezui (1)	18° 30.2' N	108° 41.3' E
44. Yinggezui (2)	18° 30.4' N	108° 41.1' E
45. Yinggezui (3)	18° 31.0' N	108° 40.6' E
46. Yinggezui (4)	18° 31.1' N	108° 40.5' E
47. Gan'enjiao	18° 50.5' N	108° 37.3' E
48. Sigengshajiao	19° 11.6' N	108° 36.0' E
49. Junbijiao	19° 21.1' N	108° 38.6' E

II. The baselines of the territorial sea adjacent to the Xisha Islands of the People's Republic of China are composed of all the straight lines joining the adjacent base points listed below:

1. Dongdao (1)	16° 40.5' N	112° 44.2' E
2. Dongdao (2)	16° 40.1' N	112° 44.5' E
3. Dongdao (3)	16° 39.8' N	112° 44.7' E
4. Langhuajiao (1)	16° 04.4' N	112° 35.8' E
5. Langhuajiao (2)	16° 01.9' N	112° 32.7' E
6. Langhuajiao (3)	16° 01.5' N	112° 31.8' E
7. Langhuajiao (4)	16° 01.0' N	112° 29.8' E
8. Zhongjiandao (1)	15° 46.5' N	111° 12.6' E
9. Zhongjiandao (2)	15° 46.4' N	111° 12.1' E
10. Zhongjiandao (3)	15° 46.4' N	111° 11.8' E
11. Zhongjiandao (4)	15° 46.5' N	111° 11.6' E
12. Zhongjiandao (5)	15° 46.7' N	111° 11.4' E
13. Zhongjiandao (6)	15° 46.9' N	111° 11.3' E
14. Zhongjiandao (7)	15° 47.2' N	111° 11.4' E
15. Beijiao (1)	17° 04.9' N	111° 26.9' E
16. Beijiao (2)	17° 05.4' N	111° 26.9' E
17. Beijiao (3)	17° 05.7' N	111° 27.2' E
18. Beijiao (4)	17° 06.0' N	111° 27.8' E
19. Beijiao (5)	17° 06.5' N	111° 29.2' E
20. Beijiao (6)	17° 07.0' N	111° 31.0' E
21. Beijiao (7)	17° 07.1' N	111° 31.6' E
22. Beijiao (8)	17° 06.9' N	111° 32.0' E
23. Zhaoshudao (1)	16° 59.9' N	112° 14.7' E
24. Zhaoshudao (2)	16° 59.7' N	112° 15.6' E
25. Zhaoshudao (3)	16° 59.4' N	112° 16.6' E
26. Beidao	16° 58.4' N	112° 18.3' E
27. Zhongdao	16° 57.6' N	112° 19.6' E
28. Nandao	16° 56.9' N	112° 20.5' E
1. Dongdao (1)	16° 40.5' N	112° 44.2' E

The Government of the People's Republic of China will announce the remaining baselines of the territorial sea of the People's Republic of China at another time.

