

Measures for the Implementation of the Collection of Special Port Fees on US Vessels

Article 1 These Measures are formulated to implement the requirements of the Announcement on Collection of Special Port Fees on US Vessels, in accordance with the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on International Maritime Transport and other relevant regulations, with the aim of safeguarding the development interests of China's shipping industry.

Article 2 Vessels engaged in international maritime transport that call at Chinese ports and meet any of the following criteria shall be subject to Special Port Fees, payable by the ship or its agent:

- (1) Vessels owned by U.S. enterprises, other organizations, or individuals;
- (2) Vessels operated by U.S. enterprises, other organizations, or individuals;
- (3) Vessels owned or operated by enterprises or other organizations in which U.S. enterprises, other organizations, or individuals directly or indirectly hold at least 25% of equity (including voting rights or board seats);
- (4) Vessels flying the flag of the United States;
- (5) Vessels built in the United States.

Vessels built in China that fall under items (1) to (4) of the preceding paragraph shall be exempt from payment. Vessels entering Chinese shipyards solely for repair in ballast, and other vessels recognized as exempt, shall also be exempt from payment.

Article 3 The specific collection standards for Special Port Fees are as follows (any fraction of one net ton shall be counted as one net ton):

- (1) For vessels calling at Chinese ports from October 14, 2025: RMB 400 per net ton;

- (2) For vessels calling at Chinese ports from April 17, 2026: RMB 640 per net ton;
- (3) For vessels calling at Chinese ports from April 17, 2027: RMB 880 per net ton;
- (4) For vessels calling at Chinese ports from April 17, 2028: RMB 1,120 per net ton.

For the same vessel, Special Port Fees shall be collected for a maximum of five voyages per calendar year. April 17 of each year shall be the start date of the annual billing cycle.

Article 4 Special Port Fees shall be collected by the maritime administrative authorities of the respective port of call. The collected funds shall be managed and used in accordance with relevant state regulations.

Article 5 If a vessel calls at multiple Chinese ports during the same voyage, the Special Port Fees shall be paid only at the first port of call. For a vessel calling at Chinese ports for more than five voyages within a calendar year, the fees are payable for the first five voyages only; subsequent voyages within the same year shall be exempt upon presentation of proof of payment for the first five voyages.

Article 6 The ship or its agent shall, seven days before the vessel's expected arrival at a Chinese port (or upon departure from the last port if the voyage is less than seven days), truthfully report to the maritime administrative authorities at the port of call, about information including the vessel's country of build, flag state, owner, operator, charter status, and intended ports of call for the voyage, and pay the Special Port Fees.

Article 7 The maritime administrative authorities at the port of call shall verify the information of all vessels expected to call at the port. If concealment or omission of the information specified in Article 6 is suspected, the shipowner or its agent shall be instructed to supplement the report.

Article 8 Ships that have not paid the Special Port Fees in accordance with these Measures shall not be granted entry and exit formalities by the maritime administrative authorities. If a shipowner or its agent evades payment, the outstanding fees must be settled before the vessel's next call at a Chinese port.

Article 9 The scope, standards, and effective periods for the collection of Special Port Fees may be dynamically adjusted as necessary.

Article 10 These Measures shall be interpreted by the Ministry of Transport and shall come into effect on the date of promulgation.

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