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Announcement of the Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China on the Publication of High-Risk Warning Zones for Collisions Between Merchant and Fishing Vessels Along the Chinese Coast

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To prevent collisions between merchant and fishing vessels and to safeguard the lives and property of the people, in accordance with the joint governance plan for merchant and fishing vessels, the following high-risk warning zones for collisions between merchant and fishing vessels along the Chinese coast are hereby announced:

I. High-Risk Warning Zone for Collisions Between Merchant and Fishing Vessels

In accordance with my country's summer fishing moratorium system, the high-risk warning zones for collisions between commercial and fishing vessels announced this time are divided into three areas: waters north of 35°N, waters between 35°N and 26°30'N, and waters between 26°30'N and 12°N, totaling 38 zones. Details regarding the location, name, coordinates, area, and characteristics of each warning zone are provided in the appendix.

II. Safety Navigation Recommendations

(i) It is recommended that shipping companies attach great importance to collision prevention between merchant and fishing vessels, establish and improve working systems, guide their vessels to further understand the characteristics of coastal fishing vessel navigation and operations, and effectively conduct safety risk assessments for each voyage. When vessels are navigating through waters with a high concentration of merchant and fishing vessels,

especially in and around high-risk warning areas, they should refer to the "Guidelines for Preventing Collisions Between Merchant and Fishing Vessels in Coastal China," maintain a high degree of vigilance and caution, strengthen watchkeeping and lookout, and scientifically avoid collisions.

(ii) It is recommended that fisheries organizations, fishing vessel owners, and captains promote the high-risk warning zone for collisions between merchant and fishing vessels in light of actual conditions, remind their fishing vessels to be highly vigilant and cautious when approaching or passing through the high-risk warning zone and its surrounding waters, strengthen watchkeeping and lookout on the bridge, maintain continuous monitoring on the international maritime safety listening channel (VHF16), strictly follow the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 to navigate and avoid collisions, and avoid anchoring or operating in the waters of the high-risk warning zone for collisions between merchant and fishing vessels.

(III) It is recommended that relevant industry associations and societies play a better role as a bridge and link between government departments and shipping companies, fishery organizations and fishery enterprises, actively participate in the work of preventing collisions between commercial and fishing vessels, strengthen the sharing of collision prevention information such as high-risk warning zones for commercial and fishing vessels, and jointly maintain the stability of my country's maritime traffic safety situation.

This is to announce.

Attachment: Table of Relevant Information on High-Risk Warning Zones for Collisions Between Merchant and Fishing Vessels Along the Chinese Coast

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1. [Table of Information Regarding "High-Risk Warning Zones for Collisions Between Merchant and Fishing Vessels" along the Chinese Coast. \(WPS\).](#)
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