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## China - Yangtze River Protection Law

Our correspondent reports that the Yangtze River Protection Law enacted by the Chinese Authorities on 26 December 2020 came into effect on 1 March 2021.

The River Protection Law prohibits the carriage of highly toxic and other dangerous chemicals by river in the Yangtze River Basin. Any breach will result in the illegal cargo being confiscated and a fine of not less than CNY 200,000, but no more than CNY 2 million. Individual persons found directly responsible for illegal activity shall be fined CNY 50,000, but not more than CNY 100,000.

The Marine Notice of 18 February 2021 issued by the Shanghai Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) provides further details as to chemicals which are deemed to be highly toxic and/or dangerous.

Owners are recommended to liaise with their agent in order to verify whether a shipment of chemicals falls within the category of highly toxic and/or dangerous chemicals.

[Attached is a copy of the MSA Notice](#) of 18 February 2021, along with a more detailed explanation of the law from the club's correspondent.

We thank our correspondent Oasis P&I for this update.

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