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Subject: Important Advisory: New U.S. Port Fee Risks for Chinese-Linked Vessels

We wish to bring to your attention a significant development that may impact vessels that were built in China or are linked to Chinese ownership, management, or flag. A recent policy shift in the United States plans for enhanced port fees, targeted regulatory scrutiny, and potential denial of port access for vessels with Chinese affiliations, as geopolitical tensions escalate.

To help our clients navigate this evolving regulatory shift, we've prepared a detailed Client Advisory: Chinese-Linked Vessels and U.S. Port Fees, now available online.

This step-by step guide walks our clients through the following important issues:

- What qualifies a vessel as "Chinese-linked" under current U.S. scrutiny
- The types of additional port costs and operational disruptions owners may face
- Key considerations for charterers, technical managers, and owners planning U.S. port calls
- Risk mitigation and insurance implications

We encourage all clients with vessels built in China or of Chinese ownership, flag, or management to review this client advisory and assess their operational exposure when planning U.S. port calls in 2025 and beyond.

The full advisory is available [here](#).

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss implications specific to your fleet, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Global Policy Advisor – Andrew Baskin:

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