

New systems of loading freight cars with bales of flour, which would prevent breakage or damage to the bales, must be developed and approved before navigation begins. After this, it would be a good idea to make a test shipment of cargo and, on the basis of that authorize new specifications for the high-performance loading of freight cars.

The minimum number of enterprises that direct their products to the northern regions should also be determined so that river ports could set up strong business ties with the suppliers.

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A Trip Through Ice

Yesterday, the seamen of the Soviet Far East completed a most difficult transport operation in the northwestern part of the Sea of Okhotsk. Two months prior to the start of summer navigation in the Arctic, they delivered over 200 tonnes of economic cargo to the inhabitants of the North Evenki District.

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Navigation begins Early

The icebreaker "Kapitan Chudinov" has begun operations on the Irtysh R. in the vicinity of Omsk.