

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON MARITIME TRANSPORT**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, (hereinafter referred to as "the
Contracting Parties");**

DESIRING to further develop the friendly relations and promote bilateral trade between the two countries;

WISHING to strengthen the cooperation in the maritime field; and

DESIRING to ensure the efficient and smooth maritime transport and open access to harbours and ports;

ON THE BASIS of equality and mutual benefit;

HAVE CONCLUDED the present Agreement as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement, unless otherwise stated:

1. "Agreement" means this Agreement, any Annex attached thereto, and any amendments to the Agreement or to any Annex.
2. "Company" means any maritime transport economic entity registered in the territory of either Contracting Party and/or having a commercial presence in that Contracting Party, and engaged in the operation of vessels in international maritime transport in accordance with the laws and regulations of that Contracting Party. The operation of vessels means that the company assumes responsibility for the vessel operationally, financially and legally. Company also means joint ventures and subsidiaries.
3. "Member of the crew" means any person performing, or who will perform, duties or services on board vessels of one Contracting Party during the voyage, who hold the identity documents referred to in Article 13 of this Agreement and whose names are included in the crew list of that vessel.