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New Vessel Inspection Type available from the 15th August 2025
China Domestic Trade (CDT) Inspections

CDI has developed and will launch a new vessel inspection type on the 15th of August 2025. This is aimed at bringing into CDI, China registered vessels that are **solely** engaged in **“China Domestic Trade” (CDT)**.

A number of existing accredited CDI inspectors, who are fluent in Chinese are now accredited for **CDT** inspections which will take place exclusively in China.

1. Chinese Domestic Trade (CDT) Background

- Several CDI chemical companies charter a considerable number of Chemical and LPG tankers that are so called Chinese Domestic Trading (**CDT**) and these chemical companies are expanding their work within China.
- These chemical companies have requested CDI to develop a new vessel inspection type, exclusive for China Domestic Trading vessels that are restricted to only trade in China.
- Chinese domestic trading vessels, as the name implies **only** trade within China or Chinese coastal waters.

In other words, **CDT** vessels: are **not** certified for international trade and **only** engage Chinese officers and crew. Consequently, all of the vessels trading certificates, paperwork and procedures are written only in Chinese/Mandarin

- Therefore, it's essential that the **CDT** accredited inspector, is fluent in Chinese.
- In support of this new inspection type, a professional Chinese version of the 10th Edition Ship Inspection Reports (SIR) will shortly be available in PDF, from the CDI web site book shop. This is aimed at assisting those China Domestic Trade registered ship operators in their understanding of CDI and the inspection process and questions.
- Nonetheless, the CDI inspection report will continue to be submitted into the CDI-Marine database in the English language and remain available to all CDI chemical companies who wish to download it.

- The role of the newly **China Domestic Trade (CDT)** accredited inspectors is to help CDI in confirming the veracity of the documentation presented onboard and any findings from their CDI inspection, via their one-to-one communications with ships staff.

2. Modifications CDI-Marine and CDI-MRS Systems

i. Ship registrations for Chinese domestic trade.

- **CDT** ship operators will be invited to contact the CDI Ship Inspection department for the required registration of the ship operator and their **CDT** fleet.
- **CDT** inspections are strictly only available in China.
- CDI will verify that **CDT** ship registrations are only for Chinese domestic trade, before formally registering those ships in the CDI database as **“CDT vessels”**.
- CDI will complete checks to ensure that ship operators who operate International Trading Vessels are **not** able to request **CDT** inspections for vessels which trade internationally.
- CDI will request an IMO number from the Ship Operator, to register these **CDT vessels** in CDI-Marine.
- These new **(CDT)** ships will be registered with its Ship IMO number and also its ship type i.e. Chemical, LPG, LNG, Product, Dry Bulk or Combination Tanker and consequently all CDI inspection types are permissible .
- **CDT** registered vessels will be clearly identified in the CDI Marine database to clearly indicate that the ship is for Chinese Domestic Trade only.

ii. CDI Inspection accreditations

- **CDT** accredited inspectors must already be accredited by CDI to conduct (either/or) Chemical, LPG, LNG, Product, Dry Bulk and/or Combination tanker inspections.
- **CDT** accredited inspectors must be fluent in Chinese in order to receive the “CDT” accreditation title.

iii. Ship Operator Inspection requests for Chinese Domestic Trade

- Ship operators registered with CDI and certified for China Domestic Trade vessel inspections only, will be issued with a unique username and password.
- This will enable the ship operator to submit CDT inspection requests to CDI **only** for their CDT registered vessels which can **only** be conducted in China.

iv. CDI-MRS (Mechanical Rotating System for nominating inspectors)

When a registered CDI-Marine Ship Operator submits an inspection request for Chinese Domestic Trade, **(CDT inspection request)** the MRS-CDI (Inspector rotation list) for nominating inspectors will.

- Only show available inspectors in the China/Indonesian Zone
- Only show those inspectors which have **CDT** inspector accreditation.
- Show those inspectors who are accredited to conduct (either/or) Chemical, LPG, LNG, Product, Dry Bulk and/or Combination tanker inspections.

v. CDI-Marine Reports database (for viewing inspection reports)

- A new search dropdown box will be added to the Ships and Reports page to search for Chinese Domestic Trade inspections:

vi. Additional Notes:

- The 10th Edition SIR remains unchanged.
- Online Crew Matrix remains unchanged.
- CDI-Marine Report Editor software remains unchanged, including the PDF reports.
- CDI-Marine Online HVPQ and SID Editor remains unchanged.

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