

## Oceanfavor Newsletter

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### *Editor's Note*

*The newsletter will mainly provide some insights and news about shipping, ports, trading, crew management, spares services, logistics, marine incidents, Port State Controls, as well as new policies and regulations in China. It is published and circulated monthly.*

### ● **More International Flights Resumed**

Following the easing of Pandemic restrictions, Chinese airlines such as China Eastern, China Southern and Xiamen Airlines recently resumed and even increased a number of international flights between major airports in China and international destinations. These actions will greatly benefit crew changes, especially those of foreign nationals coming to China to join a vessel.

### ● **“Zero Tax” Policy on Coal Import Extended**

To stabilize the supply of coal, the Tax and Tariff commission of the State Council announced in late March that from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2023 till the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2023, imported coal will remain tax-free.

The import of coal from Australia was officially resumed as of February 2023, after nearly three years of suspension.

### ● **RMB Internationalization Steps Up**

The Chinese currency RMB is speeding up in expanding its global usage, a trend that will help build a more resilient international monetary system, one that is less dependent on the US dollar and more conducive to trade growth.

China and Brazil - two major emerging economies and BRICS members - reportedly reached a deal to trade in their own currencies, ditching the US dollar as an intermediary.

RMB internationalization will likely accelerate, underlining that the recent developments indicate that an alternative monetary system outside the US dollar hegemony is being developed.

### ● **Landing Visa in Shanghai Suspended**

Landing visas for inbound passengers arriving with international flights in Shanghai started on the 24th of March 2023, but was temporarily suspended recently. Agents involved are required to participate in a special training course. The resumption of the visa is still pending and further development to be informed once known.

### ● **Import of Livestock From New Zealand Kicks Off in Jinzhou**

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The first shipment of live cattle will arrive in Jinzhou, North China by the end of May this year. The shipment contains 3,800 heads of cattle, indicating the “0” breakthrough of livestock imports in the port and enlarging the business outreach of the port.

### ● Underwater Hull Inspection and Cleaning with Robots

Thanks to the development of new AI technology, robots have been introduced and utilized in underwater hull inspections and cleaning for vessels. Compared to the traditional manual method by divers, robots are safer, more time-saving and cost-efficient, and more importantly, robots are able to do the job in muddy waters and in adverse sea conditions.

Oceanfavor Shanghai office has successfully arranged inspections and cleaning for several vessels this year.

### ● Shield Tunneling Machine Shipped Abroad

Formerly an imported product, China began manufacturing shield tunneling machines with her own intellectual property rights in recent years. These have not only met domestic demands, but have also been exported to overseas clients. Today, China has become one of the top suppliers for shield tunneling machines in the world.

At the beginning of March 2023, Dalian Jenshine Logistics Co., Ltd. - a Logistics Division of Oceanfavor Group based in Dalian, successfully organized shipments for three sets of shield tunneling machines to Indian ports. In the last three years, Dalian Jenshine has forwarded over 30 sets to worldwide destinations.



### ● Distribution of Bunkering Anchorages at Zhoushan

There are a number of anchorages where vessels can lift bunkers at Zhoushan, here is a summary of the anchorages with individual restrictions and latest operational status:

- Xiazhimen anchorage - an OPL anchorage, available 24 hours a day weather permitting but shelterless and liable to be impacted by heavy weather
- Tiaozhoumen anchorage - an OPL anchorage, available for daylight only
- Xiushandong anchorage - an inner anchorage, now becoming operational 24 hours a day weather permitting but only 10 authorized bunker barges are allowed for night time operations
- Mazhi anchorage - an inner anchorage, operational 24 hours a day weather permitting

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### ● Commercial Operation of VLOC Berth on Trial in Lianyungang Port

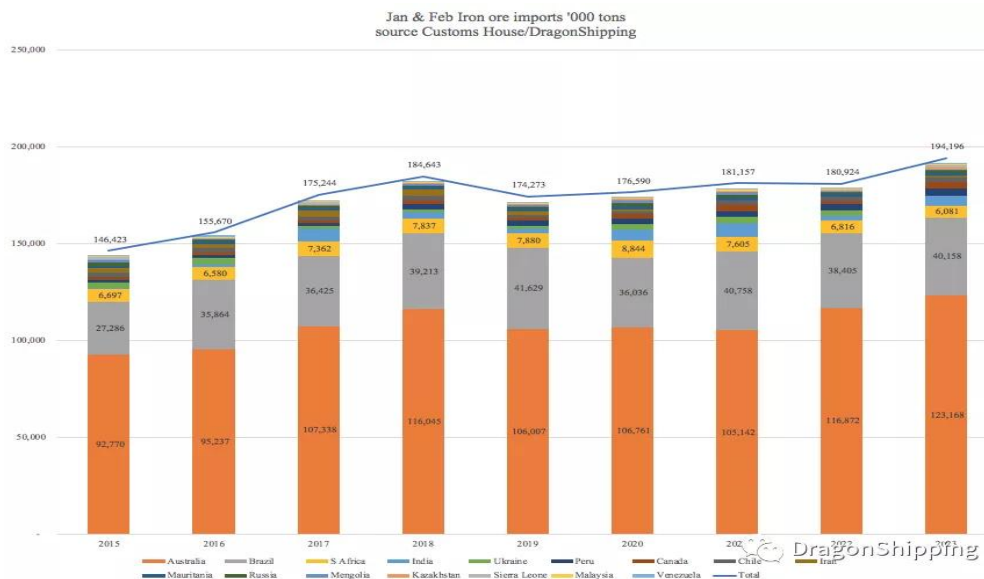
With a designated berthing capacity of DWT 400 thousand metric tons and a maximum draft of 22.08m alongside, a VLOC berth is on trial to open for commercial operation recently at Lianyungang, at the end of March, M.V. CSB Brilliant carrying 310 thousand metric tons of iron ore became the first ship to berth alongside, it broke the record for the biggest bulk carriers Lianyungang has ever handled. The berth was the first one for accommodating VLOC in Jiangsu province.

### ● Quarantine Measures Taken for Crew Disembarking at Yingkou

Crew intending to disembark at Yingkou, North China are subject to nucleic acid tests prior to disembarkation, according to the latest local quarantine rules. The vessel involved is to be disinfected thoroughly by an authorized shore service, in case any crew tests positive. Fortunately, no apparent disturbance to cargo work was observed.

### ● Bulk Ore Import Continuously Grows in China

Iron ore imports reached its historical record high to 194 million metric tons for the first two months this year. Australia remains the biggest origin country, followed by Brazil.



Coal imports also grew rapidly by 70.8% on a year-on-year basis, amounting to 60.7 billion metric tons for January and February, including 207 thousand metric tons from Australia. Indonesia, Russia and Mongolia are the next three biggest suppliers of coal imports.

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