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**VIA EMAIL**

Dr. Kristen Monaco  
Director, Bureau of Trade Analysis  
Federal Maritime Commission  
800 North Capitol Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20573

RE: **URGENT** – Request for Special Permission on behalf of  
Wan Hai Lines Ltd., Org No. 013148 and Wan Hai Lines (Singapore) Pte.  
Ltd., Org. No. 019942

Dear Dr. Monaco:

Pursuant to 46 C.F.R. §520.14, Wan Hai Lines Ltd., Org. No. 013148 and Wan Hai Lines (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., Org. No. 019942 (referred to collectively herein as “Wan Hai”) respectfully request special permission to deviate from 46 C.F.R. §520.8(a) and to implement a Westbound Red Sea Surcharge (RSS) on less than thirty (30) days’ notice. The reasons for this request are set forth below.

As a global carrier, Wan Hai operates services between the United States and various locations around the world. Many of the routes for these services would typically involve transit through the Suez Canal, which provides a shorter, faster and less expensive alternative to sailing around the southern cape of Africa.

As the Commission is aware, in recent weeks there have been a number of attacks on vessels transiting the narrow strait at the south end of the Red Sea. These attacks have made it too dangerous to continue operating services via the Suez Canal. Wan Hai has decided instead to route its vessels around Africa for safety of the crews, vessels, and cargo. Diverting vessels away from the Suez Canal and sailing around Africa significantly lengthens the voyage between the locations in question and the U.S., and significantly increases the cost of providing this service. In addition, the disruption of normal service patterns is expected to have an adverse impact on operations globally (i.e., on non-Suez services), including equipment flows and availability and congestion/bottlenecks.

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In an effort to recover some of the costs of service disruptions, Wan Hai has published the following RSS in Rule 10-A30 of its tariff Rule RED SEA SURCHARGE (RSS) of its Tariff WESTBOUND GOVERNING RULES (013148-011 applicable to Wan Hai Lines Ltd.) and its Tariff WESTBOUND GOVERNING RULES (019942-011 applicable to Wan Hai Lines (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.) for effect on February 11, 2024:

USD 120 per 20'

USD 150 per 40'

USD 150 per 40'HQ

USD 200 per 45'

However, unless the effective date of this new surcharge is advanced, Wan Hai will be unable to begin recovering the increased costs it is presently experiencing for almost three weeks.

Accordingly, Wan Hai respectfully requests that it be granted special permission to advance the effective date of the RSS to the earliest possible date.

The filing fee for this request has been paid electronically. The Pay.gov tracking ID is 27B903MH and the Agency Tracking ID is 76615039190.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

COZEN O'CONNOR



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