


Incident Report :	03/2008
Date/Time of Incident :	20 January 2008 at 0300hrs (local time)
Location of incident :	31° 40' N, 125° 28' E
Area Description :	221nm east off the port of Shanghai
Name and Type of Ship:	<p><i>CAPTAIN USKOV</i>/General cargo ship</p> 
<p>Details of Incident:</p> <p>The Cambodia-registered general cargo departed Nakhodka, Russia for Hong Kong, China on 15 January 2008 with a cargo of steel coils and 17 Russian crew members on board. The last radio contact with the ship was on 20 January 2008 at 0300 hrs when the ship was about 221nm east off the port of Shanghai (please see location below). Thereafter the ship owner lost contact with the ship. The ship did not arrive at her intended port in Hong Kong (scheduled for 24 January 2008).</p> <p>Upon alerted by the Russian authorities, the China Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) conducted a search operation involving a Chinese rescue ship and other ships. The Japan Coast Guard had also sent out a plane to scan the area where the ship was last reported. However, there was no trace of the ship.</p>	



At 0922 hrs on 21 February 2008, the Japan Coast Guard found a lifeboat from the *Captain Uskov* at location 35° 55.6' N, 134° 43.7' E (please see location above). There was no one in the boat (please see photographs of the lifeboat below).



Photographs with courtesy of Japan Coast Guard

<p>Reported by :</p>	<p>ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan) ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) The Shipping and Shipbuilding News dated 24 January 2008 Russia's Daily Online dated 11 April 2008</p>
<p>Comments by ReCAAP ISC :</p>	<p>There has been no further news about the whereabouts of the ship, the cargo on board or the crew. Ships operating in the vicinity are advised to report to the nearest coastal state when sighted the ship, similar type of lifeboat or her crew. A more detailed report will be available in the ReCAAP ISC's 1st Quarterly Report.</p>