

Exhibit A  
To Registration Statement  
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

**Privacy Act Statement.** Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the Registration Unit in Washington, DC. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the Administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public.

**Public Reporting Burden.** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .49 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, Registration Unit, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

*Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement  
and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently.*

1. Name and address of registrant Blank Rome LLP 600 New Hampshire Ave., NW Washington, DC 20037	2. Registration No. 4929
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3. Name of foreign principal China Shipping (Group) Company	4. Principal address of foreign principal Room 1410, 700 Dong Da Ming Road Shanghai, PC 200080
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5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the following:

- Foreign government
- Foreign political party
- Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
  - Partnership
  - Corporation
  - Association
  - Committee
  - Voluntary group
  - Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Individual-State nationality \_\_\_\_\_

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6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant. N/A
- b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals.

7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

- a) Principal address. N/A
- b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals.
- c) Principal aim.

8. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party,

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal

Maritime Transportation Company

b) Is this foreign principal

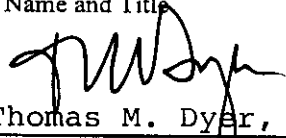
Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). (If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)

China Shipping (Group) Company is a controlled carrier within the meaning of 46 U.S.C. App § 1708. The Company meets the "controlled carrier" definition set forth in the Statute because the government of the People's Republic of China has a majority ownership interest in the Company.

10. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

N/A

Date of Exhibit A	Name and Title	Signature
Y6/04	Thomas M. Dyer, Partner	

**INSTRUCTIONS:** A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. One original and two legible photocopies of this form shall be filed for each foreign principal named in the registration statement and must be signed by or on behalf of the registrant.

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1. Name of Registrant Blank Rome LLP	2. Registration No. 4929
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3. Name of Foreign Principal  
China Shipping (Group) Company

Check Appropriate Boxes:

4.  The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5.  There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6.  The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.

7. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Provide legal services in support of China Shipping (Group) Company's efforts to establish and maintain a container service in the U.S. and to expand their non-container U.S. Operations.

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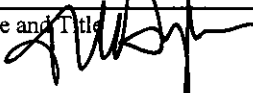
8. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Registrant will engage in informal advocacy and, where appropriate, formal appearances before the U.S. Congress and federal agencies and departments.

9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes  No

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose.

The activities above may constitute political activities as they will involve contacts with government officials in an attempt to influence them with respect to policies of the U.S. relating to the transportation services provided by China Shipping (Group) Company.

Date of Exhibit B 4/6/04	Name and Title  Thomas M. Dyer, Partner	Signature
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Footnote: Political activity as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

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Norton Lilly International Inc.  
200 Plaza Drive  
Secaucus, New Jersey 07096

Re: China Shipping (Group) Co.

Dear Grove:

Thank you for passing along the request from China Shipping Group that we review our proposed rates for our representation of their interests in the United States. And again, I would like to express our gratitude to you and John for introducing us to Captain Li and China Shipping, and reaffirm our interest in working with Norton Lilly to assist Captain Li and his company in their efforts to establish a container service to the U.S. and to expand their non-container U.S. operations.

We do not typically discount our fees, except in the case of a couple of our largest clients who have been with us for up to 25 years and who pay substantial fees each year. However, I have discussed the matter of our rates with my partners, and we would propose that we adjust our usual rates, which are set annually (usually in July), in two ways. We would provide a significant discount from our rate structure along the lines of what we would do for a "start up" operation for the first year, and then shift to a volume discount equal to that which we provide to our largest client.

Thus, we propose the following rates for the first year of representation:

Shareholders	\$200-\$300
Associates	\$110-\$200
Paralegals	\$65-\$80

Facsimile would be charged at actual telephone company charges, but we will and do maximize the use of e-mail transmission of all documents.

We agree that overdue invoices would accrue interest at 0.6% per month.

After the first year, we would shift to the following discount from the otherwise applicable fee billing rates in effect each year:

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\$0-500,000	7.5%
\$501,000-1,000,000	10%
over \$1,000,000	12.5%

We hope this proposal will be found acceptable by China Shipping, and we look forward to beginning this most exciting relationship.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Dyer