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1. The procedure for control of trade between North and South Korea has been modified by the North Korean government and the forms much simplified. Upon entering the port of Wonsan (127-26, 39-10) in early January 1950, marine traders were required to submit the following:
 - a. Three over-all photographs of the vessel.
 - b. Three photographs of each person on board.
 - c. Three copies of a fairly comprehensive personal history statement from each person on board.
 - d. Three copies of a clearance into the port and a cargo manifest.
2. Upon receipt of these documents, officials of the Coast State Security Bureau made a cursory inspection of the cargo. Since the papers were apparently all in order, they were forwarded to the head office in Pyongyang in the Department of the Interior. A copy of each of the documents, stamped approved by the chief at headquarters, and also stamped "People's Republic of Korea", was returned for temporary retention by the captain of the ship.
3. The cargo was more carefully inspected by the Coast Inspection Section and passed, after payment of a general ad valorem tax of 23 percent. This included taxes and trading expenses incurred by the company in North Korea to which the goods were sold. The cargo owners were free to transact business with any firm they wished.
4. The stamped documents held by the captain while the ship was in port were required to be turned over to the southernmost checkpoint in North Korea before the vessel proceeded into other waters. They were given to the State Security Bureau at Sokcho-ri (128-36, 38-12).

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Few North Korean traders venture into southern waters because of the severe treatment they receive if discovered by South Korean authorities.

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