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Disabled vessel anchored in deep water road German experts inspect condition of damaged MSC FLAMINIA

A German, independent Fact-Finding Team (team of experts) will go aboard the MSC FLAMINIA to get an exact overview of the condition of the vessel and its cargo. The team consists of an expert for hazardous material, a chemist and a salvage expert. They will examine the container ship together with experts from Great Britain, the Netherlands and France.

Based on the examination results at hand the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies (CCME) decided to tug the vessel to the deep water road. This is situated in the German Bight about 12 nautical miles west of Heligoland. Once the planned works are finished the MSC FLAMINIA will be moved to the port of Wilhelmshaven.

However, first of all the tugs involved have to cross the British Channel safely. These are FAIRMOUNT EXPEDITION and ANGLIAN SOVREIGN. Currently they are moving towards British territorial waters. The MSC FLAMINIA is expected to be about 40 nm south of „Lands End“ on Friday.

In the meantime the CCME will enforce its staff. There will be experts and staff from other federal and state agencies as well as specialized companies. The crisis management team is compiling a concept of operation and precaution and also the work assignments for the Fact-Finding Team. There is an information exchange between the shipping company NSB, the salvage company and all countries involved.

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