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Degree of hazardousness of the cargo has not changed during the last time

Cargo of the MSC FLAMINIA is not more hazardous than already known

The list of hazardous materials of the MSC FLAMINIA found online is the list that is on hand at EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency).

The Central Command for Maritime Emergencies (CCME) (German: Havariekommando) knows the hazardous materials loaded on the MSC FLAMINIA and experts are continuously analysing them. The stowage of containers with hazardous materials distributed on the ship complies with the strategy of the International maritime dangerous goods code (IMDG code). Currently, the detailed content of the containers is identified where it is necessary.

The gases transported onboard the MSC FLAMINIA are identified and stand under special observance. Some of the gases though are not acute toxically regarding health issues that are commonly known as coolants. Some other gases are aerosols mainly for cosmetic application.

The use of subheadings/collective positions for hazardous materials complies with the IMDG code and does not especially indicate waste. Also for especially synthesised pure materials or determined mixtures of the chemical industry, in many cases there have to be used subheadings / collective positions according to the IMDG code, such as "corrosive firm materials", if the materials or mixtures do not have an own UN-number within the IMDG code.

The authorities in charge are working on the appraisal of the health hazards of all loaded hazardous materials. All environment experts involved for the CCME are aware of the fact, that these hazardous materials of course do not belong "into the environment". Hence actions take place step by step in order to minimise the risk of release.

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