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First cleaning work on MSC FLAMINIA

Concept of discharge ready to start

At first the superstructure of the MSC FLAMINIA will be cleaned, following a decision of all the experts from the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies (CCME) (German: Havariekommando), from the authorities on site and from the shipping company. Presumably the cleaning work can start this week. It is expected to take about five days. All cabins and areas of work in the superstructure will be cleaned thoroughly. If the area passes the following survey of safe working conditions, it will be approved for day-to-day operations.

The concept of discharge, drawn by Germanischer Lloyd, is completed. In order to ensure the stability of the ship, containers and the water for fire-fighting are discharged in equal measure. The containers on which an elevated temperature has been detected have priority. After this the containers with dangerous goods are following. Because of the surveys on board by the experts from CCME and the thorough comparison of the loading list, the stowage plan and the list of dangerous goods the number increased by two to 153 containers. The two additional containers contain vehicle parts and cosmetic products.

First surveys have shown that the water for fire-fighting is less toxic than supposed. To prove them, the results are currently assessed by some other experts.

Meanwhile also the first part of the concept of discharge for the damaged cargo is on hand. In the first instance the appropriate containers are planned to be taken off board in kind of a tub.

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