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Cleaning work of superstructure completed

Discharging containers has started

Since 9:15 am today, the discharging of the MSC FLAMINIA is in progress. After the shipping company has now signed all necessary contracts with waste management and discharge companies, it is possible to start the disposal and discharging work of the damaged vessel. The cleaning of the superstructure was completed yesterday, it can now be moved into.

During the course of today, about 80 undamaged containers are discharged, among them also containers with dangerous goods. The discharged containers will be inspected by cargo and insurance adjusters within the next week.

In a different way from the initial plan, the discharging starts with the undamaged containers behind the superstructure. This is, because the tubs for transport and cleaning of the damaged containers are not on site yet and the discharging work is not to be delayed.

As soon as the appropriate tool, that has to be prepared partly, is on site and the storage space is prepared, the discharging will continue according to the concept of discharge by Germanischer Lloyd. 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.

“Thanks to the good cooperation of the authorities and the companies on site we have achieved an important milestone”, says Hans-Werner Monsees, head of Central Command for Maritime Emergencies (CCME) that is still in charge of the entire operation. “The complex planning of the discharging and the disposal work, that have to be adjusted to each other, is now completed. Now also the dangerous goods containers are removed from the vessel and the theoretic dangers are eliminated step by step”, so Monsees further.

Parallel to the discharging and disposal work, there are taken measures on board the vessel every day, in order to be able to react to changes immediately.

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