

§ 7 Regulation on Securing Shipping
Reporting of certain incidents causing damage or dangers

- (1) The Master of a vessel flying the Federal German Flag, or if he is prevented another crew member, or if none of these persons is in a position to do so, the operator of the vessel, shall notify the Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation promptly of every incident relating to the vessel causing damage or danger in the meaning of Para. 2 and if possible transmit the following data:
 1. Name and current location of the party reporting
 2. Location (geographical position) and time of the casualty
 3. Name, IMO-Identification Number, call-letters and flag of the vessel and call-number of the mobile sea radio service belonging to this vessel (MMSI),
 4. Type, purpose of use, length and draft of the vessel
 5. Name of the operator of the vessel
 6. Name of the responsible Master of the vessel
 7. Port of origin and port of destination of the vessel
 8. Number of crew members and further persons on board
 9. Extent of personal injury and damage to property
 10. Data concerning goods carried
 11. Description of the course of the incident
 12. Data concerning other vessels involved in the casualty
 13. Weather conditions
 14. Description of the danger of marine pollution

- (2) An incident in the meaning of Para. 1 is every event during operation of the vessel in shipping, if due to the operation
 1. a person is seriously or fatally injured or missed, or the crew is substantially endangered,
 2. a) the vessel sustains damage due to grounding, collision, fire, weather or explosion or
b) failures occur in a system that (*is important*) for the stability or safety journey necessary is and as a result which the safe navigation is impaired or was impaired, or
 3. substantial endangerment of or damage to the marine environment has occurred.

- (3) Independently of Para. 1 the Employers Accident Insurance (See-Berufsgenossenschaft), a classification society called in by or for the vessel owner and the pilots of the relevant vessel are also obliged to report on the incidents stated in Para. 2.

- (4) The shipping police authorities of the federal authorities shall notify the Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation promptly of every incident in the meaning of Para. 2 causing damage or danger, that is the subject of their

activity within the framework of warding off or combating dangers in the meaning of the Act governing Maritime Tasks.

- (5) To complete the report the operator of the vessel is obliged at the request of the Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation to submit a detailed report on the form submitted.