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Change of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation

On 11 May 2012 the previous director of the Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) Jörg Kaufmann resigns from office. At the same time his successor, Volker Schellhammer, is appointed as director. The changeover is being conducted by the head of the Waterways and Shipping Division of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, Reinhard Klingen.

Jörg Kaufmann directed the BSU since 2005 and decisively shaped it, primarily also in the international arena. On 2 May he assumed his new office as head of the Shipping Division in the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency.

Volker Schellhammer also assumed direction of the BSU on 2 May 2012. Until now he was head of the Division for Shipping Administration and Shipping Law in the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency.

Volker Schellhammer is lawyer and started his career in the Public Federal Government in 1981 in the Military District Administration I in Kiel, whereas he was employed in different tasks for 10 years. After having spent 6 month with the NATO in Brussels he changed over to the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency in 1991. There he first was head of the Division for Human Resources and Budget and since 2002 he acted as the Head of the Shipping Division.

Volker Schellhammer is 60 years of age, married and has two daughters.

By proxy

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