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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby gives notice that the Interim Investigation Report 55/15 was published on 18 February 2016. The report deals with the very serious marine casualty involving the foundering of the fishing vessel KRISTINA on 18 February 2015 in the North Sea.

Upon request the report will be forwarded. Alternatively this report – as well as all previous reports – is available on the website <http://www.bsu-bund.de> and can be downloaded.

At 1100 on 18 February 2015 the fishing vessel KRISTINA, which sailed under the German flag, foundered at 1100 clock in the North Sea. The fishing vessel had the characteristic SH 14 and was registered in Heiligenhafen.

At 1000 on 18 February 2015 the crew of the 16 meter fishing vessel announced water ingress in the fish hold with an emergency call on VHF channel 16. The fishing vessel stood at this time around 50 nm northerly of the West Frisian Islands.

The MRCC Bremen took over the command. The nearest vessel was the Dutch dredger REIMERSWAAL. He reached the fishing vessel, which draft already increased considerably, at 1030. At 1045 the fishing vessel suddenly developed a list to starboard. Thereupon the crew, wearing their immersion suits, jumped over board and swam away. The crew of the REIMERSWAAL launched immediately their fast rescue boat and picked up the fisher men.

The fishing vessel submerged only a little later. The crew of the KRISTINA could go ashore unharmed on the same evening in Harlingen. The Interim Investigation Report was published on 18 February 2016 by the Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation and is available on www.bsu-bund.de.