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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby gives notice that the Interim Investigation Report about the investigation into the serious marine casualty of the ferry FRISIA V, which occurred on 16 June 2015, while the ferry called at the port of Norddeich, was published on our website. The Interim Investigation Report provides information on the subject and the current state of the investigation. The Interim Investigation Report is available on <http://www.bsu-bund.de>.

Serious marine casualty – collision of the ferry FRISIA V with the quay in Norddeich

At 1400 on 16 June 2015 the ferry FRISIA V collided with the quay while calling at the port of Norddeich. The ferry, generally commuting between Norddeich and the island of Norderney, carried 187 passengers and several vehicles during this voyage. For technical reasons, the change from

autopilot to manual steering necessary for calling at the port did not work as intended. The measures initiated by the crew were only able to minimize the collision impact. As a consequence of the collision, several passengers suffered injuries and the ferry sustained damages to

her bow. The investigation of this marine casualty was deferred for the investigation of other marine casualties. This resulted in the fact that the time limit of one year set by the European Union and implemented into national law by the Federal Republic of

Germany, to publish an investigation report after a very serious or serious marine casualty has occurred cannot be satisfied.

The Interim Investigation Report was published on 3 June 2016 by the BSU and is available on [www.bsu-bund.de](http://www.bsu-bund.de)