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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) published the interim investigation report No. 431/15 on 19 October 2016. The report deals with a serious engine damage followed by fire on board the container vessel THETIS D on 26 October 2015 in the Kiel Bight. This report – as well as all previous reports – is available on the website [www.bsu-bund.de](http://www.bsu-bund.de) for download.

### Abstract

#### Engine damage followed by fire on board the container vessel THETIS D

The container ship THETIS D, flying the flag of Liberia, was en route from Gdynia, Poland, to Bremerhaven, Germany, when serious damage to the main engine became apparent in the engine room on the morning of 26 October 2015. The main engine was stopped automatically. One cylinder's running gear was completely destroyed. A large amount of lubricating oil leaked, which ignited. This was followed by a fire in the engine room.

At this point, the THETIS D was on the Kiel-Baltic Sea route about 5.6 nm north-east of Kiel Lighthouse. The fire in the engine room extinguished automatically after airtight integrity was established. The THETIS D proceeded not under command to the port of Kiel Ostuferhafen with the support of two tugs.

Nobody came to physical harm due to the accident, nor was there any environmental pollution.

During the legal comment period on the draft report, the BSU was provided with information that requires a reevaluation of the accident. Therefore, the publication of the final report will be delayed. The interim investigation report can be downloaded at [www.bsu-bund.de](http://www.bsu-bund.de).