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### Press Release 21/16

The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby gives notice that the Interim Investigation Reports 455/15 and 58/16 were published as one report on 25 November 2016. The report deals with cargo fires in containers loaded with charcoal on the container vessels MSC KATRINA and LUDWIGSHAFEN EXPRESS on 20 November 2015 and on 21 February 2016. 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> and can be downloaded.

### Serious marine casualty – cargo fire in containers loaded with charcoal on the container vessels MSC KATRINA and LUDWIGSHAFEN EXPRESS

On 20 November 2015 a cargo fire spontaneously ignited in containers loaded with charcoal on board the Panamanian container vessel MSC KATRINA and as well on 21 February 2016 on the German container vessel LUDWIGSHAFEN EXPRESS. The fire on MSC KATRINA was extinguished by a special fire fighter group of the Cuxhaven fire

brigade. The crew of the LUDWIGSHAFEN EXPRESS put out the fire by themselves. Both part shipments came from the same shipper in Indonesia and were not, according to their certificates, dangerous goods within the meaning of class 4.2 IMDG code and therefore did not tend to self-ignition. Due to the similarity of both marine

casualties the Bundesstelle für Seeunfalluntersuchung has merged the investigation. On 25 November 2016 the BSU published its Interim Investigation Report. The report provides information on the subject and the current state of the investigation. The report is available on the website [www.bsu-bund.de](http://www.bsu-bund.de)