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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby announces the publication of the Summary Investigation Report 338/19 on 27.07.2021. The report deals with the fire in the engine room on board the multi-purpose carrier KELLY leading to the death of a crewmember and the serious injury of two other crewmembers. and is available for download at

<https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/News>

The Malta-flagged multi-purpose carrier KELLY was en route from Rotterdam in the Netherlands to Kaliningrad in Russia on 6 September 2019. The ship was unladen at the time and appropriately manned for pilotage from the sea to Brunsbüttel toward the NOK. A fire in the separator room triggered the fire alarm at 1335.

Three crewmembers were in the immediate vicinity. One of the seriously injured crewmembers was able to leave the burning engine room unassisted, another crewmember could be recovered quickly. The fire was extinguished rapidly as a result of the firefighting measures initiated by the crew and thus confined to the engine room.

Two crewmembers suffered life-threatening injuries and were flown to a special clinic for burn injuries in Hamburg. The third crewmember could only be pronounced dead by an emergency physician who had arrived on the ship.

The investigation revealed areas open to improvement when the crew is preparing risk and hazard assessments so as to identify potential hazards when working on heat transfer systems. In addition, a recommendation that the classification society amend its rules for surveying thermal oil systems after repairs and extended periods out of service was issued.

All investigation reports, safety recommendations and other information published by the BSU are available at

[https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/Publications.](https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/Publications)

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