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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) informs that on 1 February 2022 the report on the implementation of the safety recommendations from the investigation report on the container loss of the MSC ZOE was published. The report is available for download at

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

### Very serious marine casualty – Loss of containers overboard from MSC ZOE

In the late evening of 1 January 2019 and the early morning of 2 January 2019, the Panama-flagged ultra large container ship MSC ZOE, laden with 8062 containers, lost 342 containers in stormy sea in the Traffic Separation Scheme - Terschelling – German Bight in the North Sea. 297 containers were lost in the Netherlands and 45 in German waters.

This very serious maritime accident was investigated under the leadership of the flag state of Panama and with the intensive participation of the investigative bodies of the affected coastal states of the Netherlands and Germany. The joint investigation report was published on 25 June 2020. It contains a series of safety recommendations.

According to European law, the European investigative bodies should endeavour to determine which individual measures have been taken in response to safety recommendations (so-called monitoring).

The Federal Bureau of Maritime Accident Investigation (BSU) has therefore asked the addressees of the safety recommendations for information in this regard. In close consultation with the Dutch Safety Board (DSB), a report was then prepared

summarising the results of the monitoring carried out. The addressees of the safety recommendations agreed to the publication of this report due to the special public interest.

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

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

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