

Estonian ship owners and masters of vessels

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Circular

Communication of information about marine accidents.

If a marine accident has occurred, Estonian Maritime Safety Act (§72, subsection 1) obligates the master or the ship owner of a vessel, which is flying the flag of the Republic of Estonia, to communicate information about the marine accident without delay to Estonian Maritime Administration and Estonian Safety Investigation Bureau, respectively. Unfortunately, there have been cases that the information about a marine accident has reached Estonian Maritime Administration by other sources than the master or the ship owner of the vessel concerned. In addition to that the description of the circumstances of the marine accident does not often correspond to § 72 subsection 1 of the above mentioned Act. There is also breach of the requirement to communicate information without delay as the information is in fact communicated hours or even days after the marine accident has occurred.

We would like to ask you to take the circular for information and fulfillment. The information about a marine accident shall be communicated without delay to Vessel Traffic Management Department of Estonian Maritime Administration in order to ensure that the information will be passed to all the concerned institutions during the period of twenty four hours. The contact data of Vessel Traffic Management Department are the following:

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