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Statement in response to the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority's final report (S-302/21) concerning a fire on the vessel *Almirante Storni*, December 2021 off Gothenburg

The case

In its final report into a fire on the vessel *Almirante Storni* in December 2021 off Gothenburg, the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) issues two recommendations to the Swedish Government. In the report, SHK explains that it is awaiting information about which measures have been taken in response to the recommendations made to the Government in the report.

This statement is issued by the Government Offices of Sweden (Ministry of Rural Affairs and Infrastructure).

The Swedish Accident Investigation Authority's recommendations to the Government

SHK has issued the following two recommendations to the Government.

- *Investigate and, where necessary, take the action required to ensure the efficient accommodation of ships in need of assistance (section 3.5.5). (SHK 2023:01 R1)*
- *Investigate and, where necessary, take action to bring about the legislative changes required in order to ensure that affected municipalities are included in the work to draw up plans for the accommodation of ships in need of assistance (section 3.5.5). (SHK 2023:01 R2)*

The regulatory framework governing safety in the field of maritime transport is largely founded in international agreements. The work of

the Government mainly starts out from these agreements before then being adapted to Swedish circumstances. Furthermore, work on regulatory developments takes place in partnership with the Swedish Transport Agency, which is the regulatory authority in the field of transport. In light of this, it can be noted that SHK has also recommended that the Transport Agency prioritise and expedite the completion of the work to draw up plans for the accommodation of ships in need of assistance and that representatives from the affected municipal rescue service, among others, should participate. The assessment is that it should be possible for the Transport Agency's work to form the basis of an ongoing effort to efficiently accommodate ships in need of assistance. Within the scope of its remit, the agency also has the opportunity to propose necessary legislative changes to the Government.

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