

This document is a translation made by SHK of the original response in Swedish to the safety recommendation. In case of discrepancies between this translation and the Swedish original text, the Swedish text shall prevail in the interpretation of the response.

The Swedish Maritime Administration has reviewed the final report and has implemented the recommendation as follows.

SHK has issued a safety recommendation to the Swedish Maritime Administration for it to, together with the Port of Strömstad, take action to increase the understanding between different stakeholders in the area. The background is that the situation was caused by inadequate positioning combined with a lack of communication, resulting in a misunderstanding of intentions. Underlying factors have by SHK been assessed to be tensions between different parties or stakeholders in the port and users of the fairway.

The Swedish Maritime Administration has interpreted the tensions between different stakeholders to be the circumstances described under section 2.4 in the report. As SHK mentions, it is not obvious who is responsible for resolving these tensions, but a resolution presupposes some form of collaboration between the actors involved. The Swedish Maritime Administration has together with the Port of Strömstad taken the initiative to a meeting with all stakeholders in the port in order to ensure that all have an understanding of the activities prevailing as regards maritime traffic in general and the rules applicable for calling at Strömstad in particular. The meeting is planned to take place in April. The outcome of the meeting may determine how the question will subsequently be pursued, but the intention is, among other things, to create awareness of the problems and maintain an active dialogue on the issue.

Sincerely,

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