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Response to recommendation addressed to the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation in report (RS 2016:08) concerning the loss of the tugboat ÖRING with barge on 2 November 2015 in the Göta älv, Västra Götaland county

In its report (RS 2016:08) the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority issues a safety recommendation (RS 2016:08 R4) to the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation to expedite the work specified in the memorandum Rule Simplification for Shipping (N2013/05746/MRT) in order to achieve that barges without own steering system will be subject to regulatory requirements and other regulations relevant to the maritime safety.

As stated in the report, the Government published the memorandum Rule Simplification for Shipping on 30 April 2015. This memorandum contains proposals from the inquiry chair on the registration of barges and floating equipment and proposals to introduce barges and floating equipment in the Vessel Safety Act to make regulation possible and other maritime safety requirements applicable.

This memorandum and its proposals are currently being prepared at the Government Offices.

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