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Response to SHK pertaining to a workplace accident on board Finnpartner RS 2016:09

Recommendation from SHK

SHK has given the Swedish Transport Agency the following recommendation:

The Swedish Transport Agency needs to strengthen its ability to respond to workplace accidents on board vessels.

The Swedish Transport Agency's response to SHK

The Swedish Transport Agency will, in the light of SHK's recommendation, be revising its internal procedure for workplace accidents and internal training will be conducted with the employees concerned. The first part of this is taking place over the course of 2017. Training initiatives will then be implemented on an ongoing basis.

In the light of the workplace accident, the Transport Agency has also found there to be a need to initiate tripartite talks with the maritime unions and the Swedish Shipowners' Association. Contact has already been made with these parties. The goal of the tripartite talks is to strengthen and improve:

- systematic work environment management,
- the complaints process for seafarers to the agency concerning any irregularities on board vessels, and
- a method of supervision that can be used to achieve increased compliance with and awareness of the requirements among the shipping companies' various on-shore organisations and on board vessels.

This case has been decided on by Head of Unit Simon Posluk. Head of Unit Gunnar Ljungberg, Case Officer Fredrik Jonsson and Accident Coordinator Linda Eliasson participated in the final processing of the case, the latter as rapporteur.

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