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The Swedish Transport Agency's response to the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority's final report RS 2019:02

Fire on board the car carrier Mignon in the South China Sea.

The Swedish Transport Agency is hereby submitting its response to the recommendation issued by the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) in its final report on this event.

The Swedish Transport Agency is recommended to:

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Advocate internationally for inspections in conjunction with loading of used vehicles in all the world's ports.

The Swedish Transport Agency's response:

RS 2019:02 R3

In September this year, RISE will initiate a four-year research project called "LASH FIRE". This project is the result of work that began within IMO with the petition MSC 97/19/3 "Fire safety of RoRo passenger ships". This petition was sent by the EU Member States to the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) in order to bring about a new working point relating to measures to reduce the occurrence and consequences of fires on board RoRo vessels. The new working point was approved, and work has been underway since then. Sweden has participated actively in this working group within the MSC sub-committee SSE. At the latest MSC 101, it was decided that the two studies produced by EMSA, "FIRESAFE I & II" (MSC 101/17) were to be sent to the FSA Group of Experts for review. The FSA Group of Experts will discuss the studies in November at its meeting, where Sweden intends to participate, as represented by the Transport Agency.

The Transport Agency also intends to participate in a reference group for the RISE project, which in addition to RoPax vessels is intended to include other types of RoRo vessels, such as car carrier vessels. The project will be looking at several aspects of future fire safety on board RoRo vessels, including “Effective Manual Operations”, which in turn includes “risk based screening and management of cargo”.

More information about the project is available on the RISE website:

<https://risefr.com/services/research-and-assessments/lash-fire>

The Transport Agency will be monitoring this project and will consider further international measures depending on the results.

The decision in this matter was made by Head of Section Charlotte Billgren. Also participating in the final processing of the matter were Head of Section Fredrik Jonsson, Administrator Mattias Hörnquist, International Coordinator Gabor Szemler and Accident Coordinator Patrik Jönsson, reporting.

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