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Response of the Swedish Transport Agency to the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority's final report RS 2015:01 Sara –Fire on board – Resö harbour, Bohuslän, on 29 December 2014

The Swedish Transport Agency hereby submits responses to the recommendations presented by the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) in the final report of the incident above.

Recommendations:

- The importance of controlling that heating stoves are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. (RS2015:01 R1)
- The benefits of installing smoke detectors on board. (RS2015:01 R2)
- The possibility and benefits of registering trainings and certificates in the national seafarers' registry. (RS2015:01 R3)

Response:

RS2015:01 R1 and R2

During autumn 2015, the Swedish Transport Agency will raise these recommendations at the Swedish Transport Agency's maritime analysis forum and, in consultation with the ongoing National Regulations Project, analyse whether and how a proposed information campaign might be relevant.

RS2015:01 R3

During 2011, the Swedish Transport Agency put the e-service *Utbildarwebben* into operation. In this e-service, the training providers digitally report completed trainings directly into the Swedish Transport Agency's BUMS data system. Thus all recent trainings are registered, even for seafarers serving on vessels that are not under any mustering obligation. The training providers are then able to print new course certificates in case these get lost.

The Swedish Transport Agency website contains a clear guide about how to find an older *skepparexamen*; depending on where the training was conducted, the documents are archived either at today's maritime officer schools or at the respective city archives.

The Mustering of Seafarers Act imposes no requirements on the registration of trainings or musterings for maritime personnel on fishing vessels. Introducing a mandatory requirement for the registration of older training certificates would entail an administrative and ultimately financial load on the Swedish Transport Agency. At present, the Agency is unable to charge a fee for the registration of older training certificates. Nor can the Agency see that such a cost increase would promote greater maritime safety.

The decision in this matter has been made by Head of Section Anna Petersson. Participating in the final administration of the matter were Head of Section Charlotte Billgren, Nautical Administrator Styrbjörn Bergström, Legal Advisor Johan Stenborg and Accident Coordinator Patrik Jönsson, the latter also acting as rapporteur.

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