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Assessment of recommendation response from the Swedish Transport Agency

On 17 February 2025, the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) published a final report (SHK 2025:03) concerning a grounding that occurred on 22 October 2023 in Northern Hanö Bay, Blekinge County.

In the report, SHK directed one safety recommendation at the Swedish Transport Agency (SHK 2025:03, R2).

The Transport Agency was recommended to

 Produce methods that the agency can apply to ensure that measures in salvage plans are implemented, and compose procedures for rapidly making and executing decisions concerning mandatory measures. (SHK 2025:03 R2)

The Transport Agency has responded to the safety recommendation and has principally stated the following. The Transport Agency intends to set aside resources in autumn 2025 for the purpose of producing a procedure that is consistent with the intentions of the recommendation. This work is to be completed by 31 October 2025.

SHK views it as positive that the Transport Agency has stated that the agency intends to take action that is consistent with the intentions of the recommendation. In light of the fact that no resources have yet been allocated for this work and because the response does not contain any more detailed description of the action that is being planned, it is not possible to deem the recommendation to have been fully handled. Consequently, SHK deems the recommendation to have been implemented (Concluded – partially satisfactory response).

Best regards,

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