

Marine Notice No. 03 of 2013

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishermen, Yachtsmen, Pilots and Harbourmasters.

Casualty or Incident Reporting

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to bring to the attention of all Masters, Pilots, Harbour Masters, Skippers, Agents and Shipowners a recent report published by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board, MCIB, into the marine casualty involving the Merchant Ship "MV Pantanal". The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board, at www.mcib.ie.

The report made a number of recommendations which the Department wishes to highlight. In particular, the Department wishes to remind mariners of their obligation to report a Marine Casualty to the appropriate authorities as described below.

Reporting Requirements

The *European Communities (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Information System) Regulations 2010*, as amended, require the following reporting to be carried out:

"Reporting of incidents and accidents at sea

18.(1) The operator, agent or master of a ship, irrespective of size or type, sailing within the exclusive economic zone of the State shall immediately report to the Irish Coast Guard the following:

- (a) any incident or accident affecting the safety of the ship, such as collision, running aground, damage, malfunction or breakdown, flooding or shifting of cargo or any defects in the hull or structural failure;
- (b) any incident or accident which compromises shipping safety, such as failures likely to affect the ship's manoeuvrability or seaworthiness or any defects affecting the propulsion system or steering gear, the electrical generating system, navigation equipment or communications equipment;
- (c) any situation liable to lead to pollution of the waters or shore of the State or another Member State, such as the discharge or threat of discharge of polluting products into the sea;
- (d) any slick of polluting materials and any containers or packages seen drifting at sea.

(2) The report sent pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include the following information:

- (a) the ship's identity;
- (b) the ship's position;
- (c) the ship's port of departure;

- (d) the ship's port of destination;
- (e) the address from which information may be obtained on the dangerous and polluting goods carried on board;
- (f) the number of persons aboard the ship;
- (g) details of the incident;
- (h) any relevant information referred to in IMO Resolution A.851(20)."

Irish Coast Guard (IRCG) Contact details

VHF Channel 16, MF 2182 KHz or DSC (Digital Selective Calling) to nearest Coast Radio Station.

National Maritime Operations Centre

Tel: +353 (0) 1 6620922

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Email: mrccdublin@irishcoastguard.ie

Full details of the IRCG Maritime Rescue Co-Ordination Centres and their frequencies are contained in the Admiralty List of Radio Signals.

Other Reporting Requirements/Contact Details

This does not relieve the obligation to provide reports to the **Marine Casualty Investigation Board** as required by the *Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act, 2000*, as amended by the *European Communities (Merchant Shipping) (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations 2011*, and to the **Marine Survey Office** under the Merchant Shipping and Sea Pollution Acts.

These reporting requirements apply to casualties and incidents that:

- (a) involve Irish ships, irrespective of the location of the casualty,
- (b) occur within the territorial waters of the state, or
- (c) involve other substantial interests of the state, irrespective of the location of the casualty or incident and of the flag of the ship or ships involved.

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