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# Challenges with container vessel incidents



Workshop on the 2010 HNS Convention  
3 April 2023





# MSC NAPOLI

18.01.2007



- 275m LOA
- 2300 TEU
- Structural damage, cracking;
- 26 crew rescued;
- 3500mt bunkers.





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# Napoli Cargo

Frozen Ducks

Wine

Personal Goods

Frozen Octopus

Fertilizer

Explosives

Dyes

Polish Bibles

Glyphosate Weedkiller

Chocolate

Paints

Fluorocarbons

Bisphenol

Car Parts

Methyl Bromide

Pesticides

Coffee

Perfume

Car Engines

Shampoo

Nickel anodes

Vodka

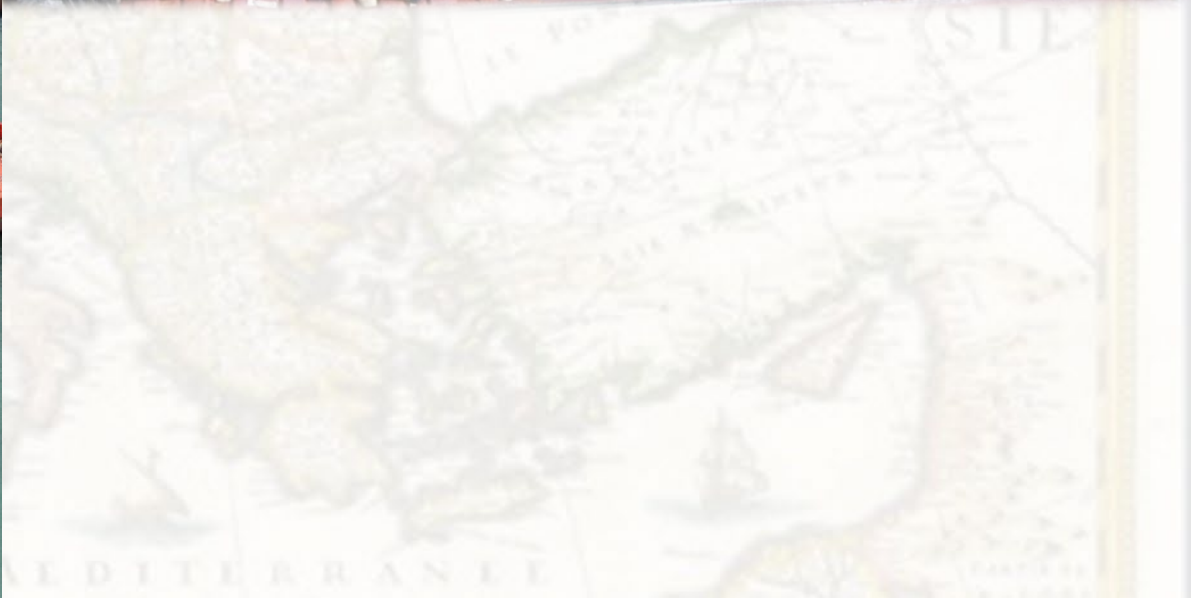
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...much, much more!





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After 924 days the last piece of wreck was removed.





# MSC FLAMINIA

14 JULY – 9 SEPTEMBER 2012







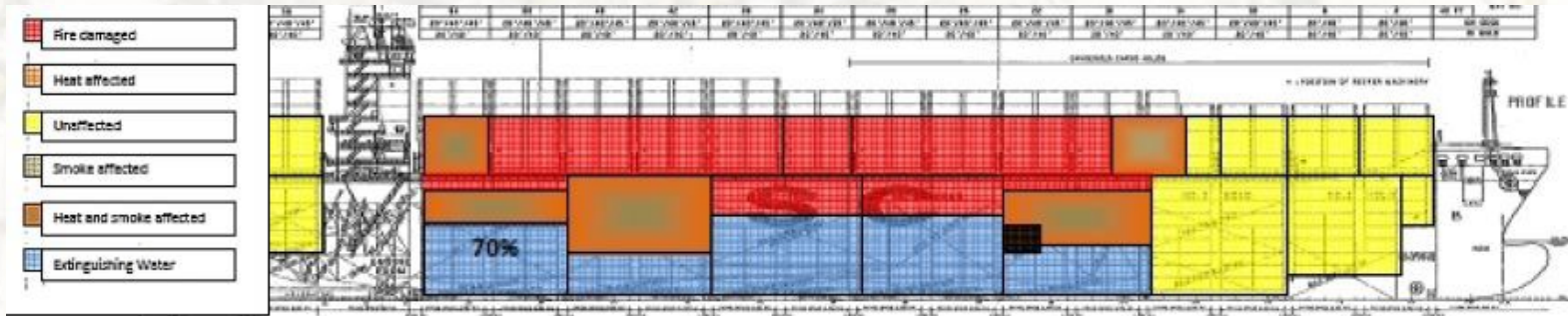
- En route USA – Europe;
- Fire and explosion;
- Mid-Atlantic – international waters;
- 25POB – 3 fatalities;
- 4800 TEU (2786 containers);
- 1600mt bunkers.







- 397 containers in hold 4 area (372 laden).
- 38 containers' contents had inaccurate or incorrect description.
- 54 different goods in cargo hold 4;  
13% of those goods inaccurately declared.
- Seven holds and container bays  
or destroyed.
- Extensive fire, smoke and water damage.







- Public health concerns over place of refuge owing to mix of chemicals and risk of reignition.
- Multi-national assessment team to ensure vessel could safely transit the English Channel.



- Arrived Jade Weser Port, Wilhelmshaven, Germany, 9 September 2012.
- Paper and cellulose reignited when alongside.
- Incident led to creation of *EU Operational Guidelines on Places of Refuge*.



Thank you for listening.

