

2010 HNS Convention MV ZIM Kingston

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Overview

- Background on *MV ZIM Kingston*
- Risks posed by HNS substances
- Liability and compensation
- Contact information



Background

- MV ZIM Kingston October 2021
- The container ship lost 109 containers in heavy seas during a storm off the coast of British Columbia.
- While anchored near Victoria on Vancouver Island, several containers caught fire.





Background - continued

- 2 of the containers on fire contained potassium amyl xanthate, which is classified as a hazardous and noxious substance.
- Many of the containers that went over sank and most remain unaccounted for.



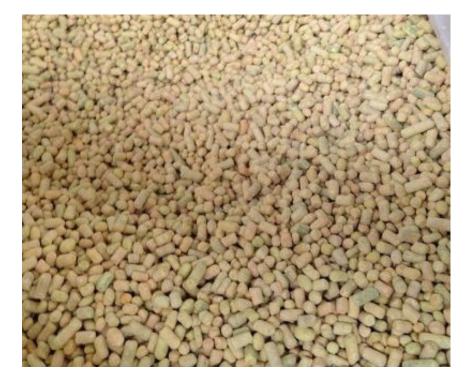




Risks

Potassium amyl xanthate

- Used in the mining industry for the separation of ores using a flotation process.
- Upon exposure to moisture and/or heat spontaneous combustion can occur. Contact with moist air can resulted in ignition.
- Emits a flammable gas upon contact with water or water vapour. Can decompose at high temperatures forming toxic gases.
- Fatal if swallowed. Harmful if inhaled. And can cause other health effects.



Liability

- MV Zim Kingston (40,030 GT)
- Shipowner's liability under LLMC for 'any other claims': 22,964,533 SDR or USD\$31 M
- Shipowner's liability under LLMC for 'claims for personal injury and loss of life': 45,929,066 SDR or USD\$62 M
- Shipowner's liability under HNSC for 'packaged goods': 77,100,025 SDR or USD\$103 M
- + HNS Fund up to 250 M SDR or USD\$185 M

Contact

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