

Announcement to Shipping:

- **Adoption of the Action Plan for seagoing ships of which the cargo has been treated with fumigants in a foreign port; and the**
- **Decree designating berths for ships that have been loaded with transhipped cargoes that are not sufficiently free of fumigants**

Period:

Unspecified

Area:

Amsterdam

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area announces the following:

An incident, involving an inland ship into which cargo had been transhipped from a seagoing ship in Amsterdam, occurred during the voyage in the beginning of December 2019. The cargo had been treated with a fumigant in a foreign port. The investigation, commissioned by the Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area, showed that the procedures had been carried out in accordance with the action plan adopted on 23 October 2018.

The investigation found that the cargo transhipped into the inland ship still contained some phosphine pills. The pills became active after the inland ship's departure, causing health problems to the ship's crew. The action plan applicable at that time did not provide for such situations and required no additional checks for or measurements of residual fumigants to be carried out after completion of the transhipment from the seagoing ship.

That is why on 6 March 2020, the Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area decided to issue temporary additional regulations to the action plan dated 23 October 2018 (see Decree 2020/CNB/010). This Decree includes additions to the action plan that are aimed at minimising the risk of these types of incident.

To provide an unambiguous procedure in which the action plan and its additions are laid down and to review the existing plans, the Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area has decided to draw up a new action plan in cooperation with the (State) Harbour Master of Rotterdam. As a result, the two largest Dutch seaports now have an identical action plan for the handling of these types of ships. This new action plan incorporates the temporary measure included in Decree No. 2020/CNB/010.

The new action plan also includes important contributions from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, representatives of the inland navigation sector, the Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate, fumigators, and from The Royal Dutch Grain and Feed Trade Association ('Het Comité').

This action plan only applies to seagoing ships of which the cargo has been treated with phosphine in a foreign port.

Ships that have been loaded with transhipped cargoes that are not sufficiently free of fumigants are not permitted to berth everywhere in the port, but have to moor at designated berths to ensure the safety in the port. This is described in the action plan under the Section "Unloading - into an unmanned ship / barge". The relevant berths are indicated in Annex 2 to the Decree and in the map accompanying the Decree. Ships are permitted to ventilate their cargo at these berths in accordance with the conditions laid down in the action plan. In addition to this, the Operational Area of Berth Designation Decree, if applicable, applies.

Currently applicable Decrees can be requested from the Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area or can be found on the Internet site of Port of Amsterdam at https://www.portofamsterdam.com/nl/view-decrees?term_node_tid_depth=73. The Action Plan for seagoing ships of which the cargo has been treated with fumigants in a foreign port will be translated and published on the above mentioned link.

Announcement (Basijn) 2018/41 will be cancelled at January 1st, 2021.

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area, who is also the State Harbour Master,



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