



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish all our valued partners a safe, successful and productive 2015.

## THETIS INSPECTION DATABASE NOW COVERS SULPHUR DIRECTIVE

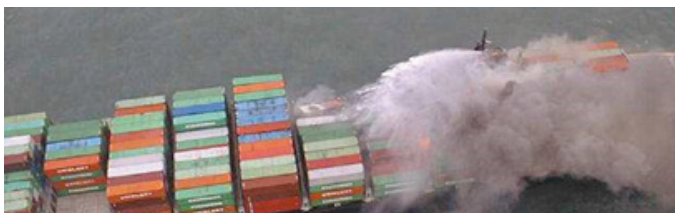
A new module of the THETIS inspection database is now in place to support member states as they begin to enforce the latest directive governing the sulphur content of ship fuel. The decision was confirmed during EMSA's June 2014 Administrative Board and the cooperation agreement signed between DG Environment and EMSA in August 2014. An initial set of screens including a list of rules was presented to member states for review and validation during a workshop in September. The comments and ideas gathered are being used to enhance the module whose development took place rapidly to meet the entry into force of the directive (1 January 2015). On 15 December, THETIS was upgraded to contain the new module and member state representatives were invited for a test session as well as for training and familiarisation. The module has been live since 1 January 2015, and development and improvement is ongoing.



Getting valuable feedback from the member states

## SAFESEANET: REPORTING OF ACCURATE HAZMAT INFORMATION

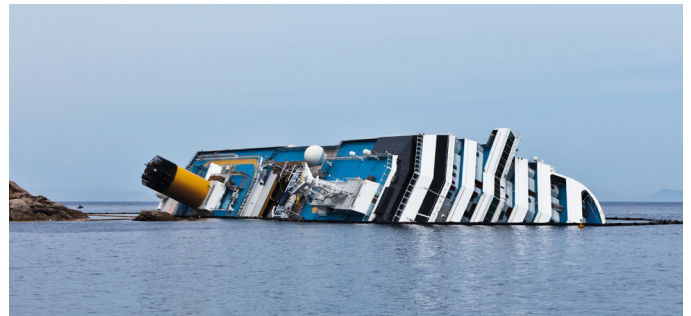
Maritime transportation of dangerous and polluting (HAZMAT) goods is increasing. At the same time, reports on maritime casualties and studies carried out by EMSA on the quality of HAZMAT data exchanged through SafeSeaNet have raised questions regarding the reliability of such information. Accurate reporting is vital to minimise safety hazards and allow for quick and effective response to maritime incidents, which contributes to saving lives and property, and preventing pollution. EMSA and the member states have therefore developed [Guidelines on reporting HAZMAT in SafeSeaNet](#). These guidelines – which cover obligations with regard to who, why, what, when, where and how to report HAZMAT information – should serve as a reference document for industry and authorities.



Minimising safety hazards to allow for quick and effective response

## LATEST OVERVIEW OF MARINE CASUALTIES AND INCIDENTS NOW AVAILABLE

EMSA has just published its annual overview of marine casualties and incidents. This publication gathers information on accidents extracted from the European Marine Casualty Information Platform, EMCIP. Based on the data it gets from national authorities, EMCIP analyses information on marine casualties and accidents. The latest [overview covers the platform's first three years in operation \(2011-2013\)](#) and replaces the former Maritime Accident Review (2007-2010) which was based on data extracted from commercial sources. A total of 5,816 occurrences were reported to EMCIP over the three-year period and this data has been used to generate the overview. The figures show that 228 persons lost their lives and 1,952 were injured during this period. It is hoped that this publication will help to contribute to the improvement of maritime safety and the prevention of pollution by ships.



The three-year overview is currently available for download on EMSA's website

## NEW CONTRACTS FOR STAND-BY OIL SPILL RESPONSE VESSELS

EMSA has finalised the process of contracting stand-by oil spill response vessels for three geographical areas. As a result of this process which began in January 2014, the following vessels have been contracted:

- **Atlantic coast:** an offshore supply vessel operating around the Galician coast in Spain
- **Northern Black Sea:** an oil tanker certified to recover oil with a flash point below 60°C, engaged in bunkering activities in vicinity of Constanta, Romania
- **Channel and Southern North Sea:** two hopper dredgers based in Ostend, Belgium, operating in the North Sea.

Following a preparation phase, the vessels are expected to be in operational service by mid-2015.

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### CAREERS:

SNE Project Officer for Vessel Reporting Services (deadline: 26/01/2015); Head of Department A for Corporate Services (deadline: 26/01/2015); SNE Project Officer for Training and Cooperation (deadline 2/02/2015)

### PROCUREMENT:

Service contract(s) for aerial dispersant application service (deadline: 23/02/2015); Service contracts for stand-by oil spill recovery vessels (deadline: 18/02/2015)