

IVR-WORKSHOP

Blockades of waterways

MODERATION AND INTRODUCTION

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Conclusions and recommendations by IVR after the Workshop in 2008

1. Immediate recovery / restoration:

In general all procedures must focus on a quick removal of obstacles of the navigation.

In this respect

- Agreements regarding reciprocal support
- international adopted procedures and
- Harmonised European registration of accidents
- between the national authorities could be supportive.

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2. Communication and information:

The competent authorities are expected to be transparent and provide necessary informations regarding an accident and blockade as well as the salvage activities.

This transparency refers to the internal procedures within the authorities as well as mainly regarding the communication and information provided to the inland navigation. Important informations are f.e. announcement regarding the expected duration of blockades and availability of places of berth in case of blockades.

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3. Availability of adequate salvage material:

To solve an accident asap it is essential to dispose over adequate salvage material. For this reason it is important to have information regarding the existing salvage material in the various regions available.

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4. Involvement of external expertise:

The involved surveyors who represent the interests of the vessel and her cargo and their insurers must be involved in the decision process.

The surveyors concerned dispose over huge expertise and experience and thus are able to support the authorities in their decisions. This know how must be much better used.