

Law on the investigation of shipping accidents

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// abstract:

The purpose of this law is to improve maritime safety and prevent pollution by conducting a safety investigation in case of shipping accidents. This is why a research institution was established, the so-called 'Federal institution for the Investigation of Shipping Accidents' (FOSO). The law determines the working and functioning of FOSO and the regulation it should comply with, as well as the conditions of the safety investigation conducted. FOSO is competent to make safety recommendations and take remedial actions. Furthermore, coordination with other states that are involved in the safety investigation is discussed, as well as the financing by ships and ports.