

SUB-COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION  
OF IMO INSTRUMENTS  
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**LESSONS LEARNED AND SAFETY ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM THE ANALYSIS OF  
MARINE SAFETY INVESTIGATION REPORTS**

**IDENTIFIED ISSUES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IMO INSTRUMENTS  
FROM THE ANALYSIS OF DATA**

**Bulk Carrier Casualty Report 2015-2024**

**Submitted by INTERCARGO**

**SUMMARY**

*Executive summary:* This document provides information on bulk carrier casualty statistics and analysis between the years 2015 and 2024.

*Strategic direction, if applicable:* 7

*Output:* 7.4 and 7.5

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 5

*Related document:* III 10/INF.12

**Introduction**

1 The INTERCARGO Bulk Carrier Casualty Report provides an analysis of casualty statistics covering the past 10 years from 2015 to 2024, during which it was reported that twenty (20) bulk carriers over 10,000 deadweight (dwt) were lost with a loss of life of 89 seafarers\*. Cargo liquefaction remains the greatest contributor to loss of life and grounding remains the greatest cause of ship losses.

2 The significant loss of life has been attributed to cargo liquefaction, with three casualties (15% of the total) resulting in the highest loss of life: 55 or 61.8% of the total loss of life in the past 10 years.

3 The most common reported cause of ship losses has been grounding, with nine losses or 45% of total losses.

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\* Based on available reports of total losses and constructive total losses from public sources and the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS).

4 Learning lessons from casualties and incidents as well as the sharing of experience have proven to be effective in raising safety awareness. The full Bulk Carrier Casualty Report can be downloaded from the webpage: <https://www.intercargo.org/imo-iii-paper-2025/>.

**Action requested of the Sub-Committee**

5 The Sub-Committee is invited to take note of the analysis of bulk carrier casualty statistics and trends, and also of the availability of investigation reports.

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