

Press Release

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MSC MONTEREY ABORTS VOYAGE TO BOSTON DUE TO CRACK IN MAIN DECK

Liberian flagged container vessel MSC MONTEREY was on her way from Antwerp to Boston when on Friday 27th of December a crack of approximately 1.5 m in the main deck near the superstructure was discovered by the crew. At that moment, the vessel was situated southeast of the coast of Newfoundland. After the crack had extended by approximately 30 cm into the outer hull and the further measures had been coordinated with the Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada, the vessel was anchored in the bay of Cape Pine.

The crew consisting of 20 seafarers from Europe and the Philippines is well. Four passengers from the United States and Switzerland which were travelling on MSC MONTEREY have been taken on shore by helicopter as requested by themselves and are doing well.

MSC MONTEREY is not posing a danger to the environment. The crack has not resulted in any oil spillages or other hazards.

After close coordination with the authorities, MSC MONTEREY will proceed from Cape Pine to St. Mary's Bay on Monday morning. This bay provides better shelter against the predicted adverse weather conditions. In St. Mary's Bay, a local surveyor of Germanischer Lloyd will board the vessel. In addition, a representative of a shipyard and the insurance will inspect the vessel. Jointly, they will develop a concept for a provisional repair which will enable MSC MONTEREY to continue its voyage to its port of destination Boston. REEDEREI NSB is in constant contact with the Emergency Response Service of Germanischer Lloyd in Hamburg.

MSC MONTEREY is expected in St. Mary's Bay in the early morning hours of December 30.

About REEDEREI NSB:

With a fleet of 83 vessels, NSB Niederelbe Schifffahrtsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG (REEDEREI NSB) is one of the leading container shipping companies in the world. Apart from the ship management of container ships, tankers and offshore jack-up vessels, REEDEREI NSB which was founded in 1982 is supervising newbuildings and is active in crewing of both its own ships as well as vessels of other parties.

At its own NSBacademy, which employs a modern Ship Handling-Simulator, employees from ashore and seafarers are trained and educated on a regular basis. In its headquarters in Buxtehude and its branches in the United States, Korea and Singapore, REEDEREI NSB employs approximately 250 men and women and 3,000 seafarers.

Key data of REEDEREI NSB

TDW overall:	5.101.194
TEU capacity:	372.170
Fleet size:	83 ships
NSB employees	
at sea:	approx. 3,000
on shore:	approx. 250

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