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“The sole objective of a safety investigation into an accident under these Regulations shall be the prevention of future accidents through the ascertainment of its causes and circumstances. It shall not be the purpose of such an investigation to determine liability nor, except so far as is necessary to achieve its objective, to apportion blame.”

As the full investigation report will not be published within 12 months of the accident date, this interim report is published, pursuant to Regulation 14(2)(b) of the Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2012.

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Interim report on the investigation of the fatal accident to a crew member on board the roll-on/roll-off cargo vessel *Laureline* at Purfleet, England, on 13 July 2024

The information contained in this interim report is based on the various aspects of the investigation completed to date. Readers are cautioned that there is the possibility new evidence may become available that might alter the circumstances as depicted in this report.

FACTUAL INFORMATION

On 13 July 2024, the Malta registered roll-on/roll-off cargo vessel *Laureline* was berthed at Purfleet, England. The vessel was loading and discharging trailers using the terminal's tractor tugs and drivers under the direction of the ship's crew.

At about 1711¹, a crew member was fatally injured when they were crushed between the rear of a moving trailer and the vessel's structure during the cargo operations.

INVESTIGATION

The MAIB's investigation has considered all aspects of the accident to determine the causes and circumstances, including analysis of vehicle deck operations; training; monitoring; supervision; and assurance.

ONGOING ACTION

The MAIB investigation is complete, and a draft of the report is being prepared and will be distributed to stakeholders for a 30-day consultation period in due course.



Laureline

¹ All times quoted in this interim report are British Summer Time (UTC +1) unless otherwise stated.

VESSEL PARTICULARS

Vessel's name	<i>Laureline</i>
Flag	Malta
Classification society	Det Norske Veritas
IMO number	9823352
Type	Roll-on/roll-off cargo ship
Registered owner	ShipLux XIII S.A.
Manager(s)	Anglo-Eastern Ship Management (NL) B.V.
Year of build	2019
Construction	Steel
Length overall	216.47m
Registered length	205.55m
Gross tonnage	50,443
Minimum safe manning	14
Authorised cargo	Vehicles

VOYAGE PARTICULARS

Port of departure	Zeebrugge, Belgium
Port of arrival	Purfleet, England
Type of voyage	International
Cargo information	Freight vehicles
Manning	28

MARINE CASUALTY INFORMATION

Date and time	13 July 2024 at about 1711
Type of marine casualty or incident	Very Serious Marine Casualty
Location of incident	CLdN London terminal, Purfleet, England
Place on board	Garage deck
Injuries/fatalities	1 fatality
Damage/environmental impact	Minor damage to <i>Laureline</i> vent trunking. Minor damage to road trailer.
Ship operation	Loading
Voyage segment	Alongside
External & internal environment	Enclosed vehicle deck
Persons on board	28