

Questions case 4 – Misdeclared container caused fire

Please go through the questions and answer them on the space provided on your handouts.

After you have answered the questions, discuss them with your group.

1. What were the immediate causes of this accident?
2. Is there a risk that this kind of accident could happen on our vessel?
3. How could this accident have been prevented?
4. What sections of our SMS would have been breached if any?
5. Is our SMS sufficient to prevent this kind of accident?
6. Does our SMS address these risks?
7. If procedures were breached, why do you think this was the case?
8. Do our procedures make sense to the work we actually do?
9. Are our firefighting drills effective enough to address the problems in this case?
10. Do we have sufficient firefighting equipment to deal with a situation like this?
11. What do you think was the root cause of this accident?
12. What preventive measures do we take?
13. Are the work permit and risk assessment easy to fill out?
14. Do the work permit and risk assessment make sense for the work we are doing?
15. How can we improve our work permit and risk assessment?
16. Any opinion on how to improve the situation of misdeclared cargo?