



Maritime shipping industry conference

Asbestos on board - what to do?

Tasks of BG Verkehr in maritime shipping

The Ship Safety Division and the Occupational Safety and Health Directorate as players in the dual system for occupational safety and health protection on maritime vessels

Occupational safety and health protection are organized as a dual system in Germany. The governmental occupational safety authorities (industrial inspectorates, offices for occupational safety) monitor the compliance with the government regulations in the company and advise the business operators with regard to their implementation.

The social accident insurers work on the basis of the seventh volume of the German Social Security Code (SGB VII) and have the preemptive task of preventing occupational accidents, occupational illnesses and work-related health risks. They advise the business operators as well as those insured on these questions and monitor the preventive measures in the companies.

In the process, the governmental occupational safety authorities and the social accident insurers are obliged by law to work together.

“Everything is a little bit different in maritime shipping...”, this frequently heard statement also applies to the dual system for occupational safety and health protection on maritime vessels. When the German Maritime Labour Act came into effect in 2013, the responsibilities of the governmental occupational safety authorities regarding the occupational safety and health protection of crew members on board merchant vessels were transferred to BG Verkehr. Therefore, there are two divisions that deal with occupational safety within BG Verkehr.

The Ship Safety Division handles the responsibilities of the governmental occupational safety authorities in line with the tasks assigned to it for the crew members on board merchant vessels. As an accident insurer, the BG Verkehr Occupational Safety and Health Directorate is responsible for the maritime companies, i.e. for those insured, who work in shore-side organizations and on board the vessels.



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