

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Dutch Safety Board issues the following recommendations to the ship manager Q-Shipping:

1. Even in cases where a vessel is completing its final journey for the ship manager, maintain a full experienced crew, and deploy any new crew members as supernumeraries, in a learning role, not as replacements for original crew members. In all cases, ensure a common working language in which all crew members can communicate with one another.
2. At all times, ensure sufficient time is available to take the specified measures per the Safety Management System (SMS) on board and to follow the procedures, also in situations where there is time pressure. For the development of procedures for high-risk activities, such as attaching a grab to a crane, follow the occupational hygiene strategy.
3. Ensure that supervision by the ship manager of vessels that do not regularly visit European ports is implemented effectively. This should take place irrespective of whether the supervision is provided from a Dutch or foreign office.