The Commission wishes to express its condolences to the families for their tragic loss following this accident.

Following consultation of the European Marine Casualty Information Platform (EMCIP), hosted in the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), the Commission understands that the responsible Spanish accident investigation body launched an investigation into the above-mentioned accident and put this entry into EMCIP on 16 February 2022, as required by EU Law (Directive 2009/18/EC\(^1\)).

In accordance with said EU Law, Investigative bodies shall make every effort to make a report including its conclusions and any possible recommendations, available to the public, and especially to the maritime sector, within 12 months of the date of the casualty. If it is not possible to produce the final report within that time, an interim report shall be published within 12 months of the date of the casualty.

The Commission wishes to point out that such accident investigation shall be independent and focus on the maritime safety aspects whilst not going into any possible parallel judicial investigations.

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\(^1\) OJ L 131/114 of 28.5.2009.