



SAFETY ALERT No. 17-03

United States Coast Guard Safety Alert 11-15

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Safety Alert was previously published as BMA Technical Alert 15-31.
- 1.2. A new Safety Alert has been issued by the United States Coast Guard (USCG).
- 1.3. The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) wishes to bring the information referenced in Paragraph 1.1 to the attention of interested parties¹.

2. USCG Safety Alert 11-15

- 2.1. USCG Safety Alert 11-15 is available for download from the USCG Homeport website <http://homeport.uscg.mil> (look under "Alerts and Notices" on the right side of the page, "Dried not fried – laundering safety issues").
- 2.2. The Safety Alert describes a recent fire in a dryer in a laundry on a cruise ship and makes five recommendations.
- 2.3. The five recommendations made by the USCG are that owners and operators having similar industrial sized drying equipment on their ships:
 - i. Re-evaluate the risks associated with the equipment;
 - ii. Identify and maintain all associated safety equipment and extinguishing systems;
 - iii. Establish clear lines of responsibility for equipment inspections, maintenance, and repair;

¹ This Technical Alert is provided by the Bahamas Maritime Authority with the aim of highlighting incidents, lessons learnt and to increase awareness, which may help avoid similar incidents occurring elsewhere. Any queries on the content of the information provided should be referred to the party providing the information.

- iv. Prohibit all personnel from overriding safety components; and
 - v. Consider the necessity of additional signage and instructions in proper languages.
- 2.4. The BMA endorses the above recommendations and encourages Companies operating Bahamian ships to take them into account.
- 2.5. The BMA also recommends that lint filters on all drying machines are cleaned regularly.

3. Validity

- 3.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

4. Revision History

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