

PRESS RELEASE

SWIFT RESPONSE BY COAST GUARD IN MEDICAL EMERGENCY

1. In the quest to ensure safety of mariners at sea the alert and vigilant operators at Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre at Coast Guard Headquarters Mumbai again hit the bullseye by deftly coordinating a medical emergency onboard Merchant Vessel Rickmers Shanghai. The incident took place 350 kms off Mumbai during afternoon hours on 01 Aug 17. The crew Mr. Pilayre Gil Lopena, a Filipino national of age 46 years, while working crushed his fingers onboard leading to severe bone fracture. The vessel was on passage to Singapore when the medical emergency cropped up. The controller of Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre, Mumbai immediately diverted the vessel to Mumbai anchorage and contacted the agent from M/S ISS Shipping.

2. In the meanwhile the medical team at MRCC provided regular medical advice to the master and regular update on condition of the patients were undertaken. Necessary assistance was provided to the agent in obtaining clearances from customs/immigration dept. Indian Coast Guard in sync with the agent made arrangements to disembark the patient safely at Mumbai anchorage through a Tug. The ship arrived at Mumbai anchorage at 0230 hrs on 02 Aug 17 and the patient was disembarked onboard the tug Reve at 0730 hrs. Subsequently, the patient was shifted to Wokhardt Hospital, Mumbai for medical assistance. The condition of patient was reported to be stable.