

PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON FIRE INCIDENT ONBOARD MERCHANT VESSEL MAERSK FRANKFURT

New Delhi, 21 Jul 24: The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) continues to lead fire fighting efforts onboard merchant vessel Maersk Frankfurt. The vessel is currently 35 Nautical Miles southwest of Mangalore. Fire fighting operations led by ICG ships Sujeet and Sachet are ongoing. Although the fire has reduced in scale, heavy smoke persists, obscuring the flames. The fire has extended to the starboard side of the vessel, particularly affecting lower stacked containers.

The vessel's master has confirmed the presence of flames on the starboard side. ICGS Samrat and Sujeet are deploying their fire fighting capabilities with Direct Injection (DI) and Direct Regulation (DR) systems actively engaged.

ICGS Varaha arrived the scene at 0800 hours today and is assisting in fire fighting and containment efforts. ICGS Samudra Prahari, positioned 26 Nautical Miles southwest of Wagapur Light, and is expected to arrive on scene by afternoon today 21 Jul 24.

Emergency towing vessel Water Lily, positioned 8 Nautical Miles southwest of Aguada Light, is also en route and expected to arrive by the afternoon of 21 July 2024.

The owner of MV Maersk Frankfurt has mobilized a salvage team from M/s SMIT Salvage. The team is expected to arrive Goa by morning 21 Jul 2024. The Indian Coast Guard has been requested to assist in getting the salvage team onboard the vessel to expedite containment and recovery operations.

The Indian Coast Guard remains committed to ensuring the safety of the crew and the vessel, and to mitigating any potential environmental impact.