

Laureline report published

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Fatal accident to a crew member on board the roll-on/roll-off cargo vessel Laureline at Purfleet, England.

Today, we have published our accident investigation report into the fatal accident to a crew member on board the roll-on/roll-off cargo vessel Laureline at Purfleet, England on 13 July 2024.

Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents, Rob Loder, said:

Laureline is the latest in a series of tragic vehicle deck accidents across Europe and is a stark reminder that procedural controls alone are not sufficient to protect workers on ro-ro vehicle decks.

The investigation into the fatality on Clipper Pennant in 2024 made a recommendation to industry to develop a unified Code of Practice for vehicle deck safety, with my predecessor stating that it was no longer tenable for the industry to continue operating in the current manner. Sadly, that remains true today and so I am reissuing that recommendation, strengthened by the lessons of this investigation. I call again for industry organisations to act decisively and deliver a unified Code of Practice without delay.

The report, available via this link, contains details of what happened, subsequent actions taken and recommendations.

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