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### **Summary of Malaysia Star V-EAL93 Fire Incident**

**-Updated cause of fire (on 15<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025)-**

On 2 Dec 2024, a fire broke out at the top deck (Deck no 8) of the vessel in Malacca straits with approx.,1,500 cars onboard while she was navigating from Port Kelang to Kota Kinabalu. By using firefighting equipment and releasing Co2 gas, ship crews and rescue team have successfully extinguished fire on cargo hold. On the other hand, operational equipment has been damaged due to fire on board.

6<sup>th</sup> Dec, rescue team has officially confirmed that fire on cargo hold was completely extinguished.

16<sup>th</sup> Dec, ship owner has officially declared general average of the vessel MV Malaysia Star V-EAL93 as the result of fire on cargo hold.

24<sup>th</sup> Dec, After several discussion, ship owner has obtained permission from Marine Department and Port Authority to sail back to Port Kelang.

30<sup>th</sup> Dec, MV Malaysia Star has berthed at North Port wharf no 15.

5<sup>th</sup> Jan Discharging operation has been completed. All unit has been discharged and stowed at North Port vehicle transit centre.

Fire investigation has been carried out by multiple fire inspectors jointly while vessel laying alongside at North Port.

*The investigation into the cause of the fire has now been completed.*

ECL can confirm that the fire originated from one (1) used vehicle loaded on deck 8 of the vessel. This was a case of a dangerous cargo loaded onboard the vessel, without ECL's knowledge, and which ECL could not have reasonably foreseen and prevented.

The vessel and/or ECL were not to blame for this unfortunate incident, and we hope this statement provides closure to all affected parties. *We would also like to thank all affected parties for their understanding and cooperation during this difficult time.*

For frequently asked questions regarding general average and release of cargo, next vessel schedule to Kota Kinabalu, please find attached sheet.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the General Average?

General average is a principle of maritime law where all parties in a sea venture proportionally share costs reasonably incurred and/or sacrifice made for the common safety. All costs incurred to prevent the total loss of a vessel and its cargo will be shared among the shipowner and cargo interests saved.

### Who is the Average Adjuster and what is the role of Average Adjuster?

Ship owner has appointed Charles Taylor Ltd / Richards Hogg Lindley (RHL).

GA adjusters are specialists in the law and practice of general average and marine insurance who calculate and divide the total general average amount in proportion to the value of all property that has been saved.

Irrespective of the identity of the instructing party, the average adjusters act in an impartial and independent manner in order to act fairly to all parties involved in a common maritime adventure.

### How to release the cargo from port ?

To release the vehicle from port, cargo owners are required to submit guarantee and security for the cargo's proportion of the General Average through booking agents. For the release of vehicle, we suggest you take up this matter with your booking agent.

### Consequence of failing general average payment.

The carrier is under an obligation to maintain general average and salvage lien(s) on all cargo until general average and salvage security for that cargo's proportion of the total general average and salvage expenses due have been provided in full. Cargo cannot be released until the security for that cargo's proportion has been collected.

### Vessel schedule for loading back vehicle affected by Malaysia Star fire incident.

#### MALAYSIA PASSION V-59

Port Kelang	19 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Kota Kinabalu	25 <sup>th</sup> Apr

#### MALAYSIA GRACE V-39

Port Kelang	4 <sup>th</sup> May
Kota Kinabalu	8 <sup>th</sup> May