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India port situation

On the 7 August 2010, there was a collision between two ships at Mumbai Roads, which is the channel between Mumbai Port and Nhava Sheva Port. MSC Chitra and Khalijia 3 were involved in this accident which occurred near the entrance to the common approached channel of Mumbai/NSA port.

Container vessel MSC Chitra suffered a serious gash and a number of containers were lost overboard, some of these reportedly carrying hazardous cargo. Some hazardous substances are also spilling into the water. The authorities are working to minimize the effect of the accident and contain the pollution aspects.

The marine department has reportedly suspended all inbound and outbound movements of vessels until such time that the channel is considered safe for navigation.

Carriers have suspended all export bookings loading at Nhava Sheva until further notice and some carriers are already in the process of diverting their vessels to other ports.

We will monitor the situation and keep clients updated of further developments.

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