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Dear Captain
Good Day,

Kindly be informed that recently a serious accident involving fire in accommodation was reported from one of the fleet vessels. The fire had originated in laundry room. Upon sounding of "Fire Alarm", ship's staff mustered to tackle the fire. Fortunately fire was controlled and extinguished. Fire caused damage to some of "bulkhead panels", "ceiling panels", "fluorescent pendant light set" and "washing machines".

Investigation revealed that cause of fire was splashing of water from loose drain pipe of washing machine over its electromotor due to vibration/ship's motions.

Hereunder are some precautionary measures to avoid such incident:

- 1) A person to be present while domestic electric utilities such as iron, washing machine, electric pot, toaster, etc. are in use.
- 2) All domestic electric equipment at public spaces should be inspected for possible electrical defects at regular intervals and same reported to relevant SM department and recorded for future references.
- 3) Laundry spaces to be immediately checked to ensure all washing machines are properly secured with their electric cables well plugged and in good condition.
- 4) Inspection to be carried out at regular intervals for proper securing of all electric domestic equipment in public spaces, i.e. washing machines and their filling and draining water pipes, wall hang boilers, wall hang fan, etc.
- 5) Faulty domestic electric equipment to be immediately removed and the use of such faulty equipment to be strictly avoided.
- 6) Electrical equipment shall be properly arranged/secured and regularly inspected in laundry spaces.

You are requested to confirm receipt, discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board & keep a copy in the file DA-11 .

Best Regards,
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