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Dear Captain

Good Day,

Recently one of the fleet vessels has reported incident of fire on top of M/E, while she was underway at sea. The fire alarm was received from E/R 3<sup>RD</sup> platform on top of unit no.7. Immediately the fire was extinguished by means of the nearest fire extinguisher by engine staff. Fortunately, there was no damages, injuries or stoppage due to this incident.

After investigation, it was revealed that while one of the engine ratings was cleaning the main engine body by "Fuel Care Chemical", the chemical came into contact with hot engine body and caught fire.

The main root cause was usage of "Fuel Care Chemical" for cleaning hot surface and unfamiliarity of engine staff with chemical type, nature and safety procedure in E/R and lack of proper supervision by Engineer Officers.

In order to avoid similar incidents, followings shall be observed amongst the points to be considered:

- Any chemical must be used under the supervision of the competent person.
- The supervision shall be done from the beginning to completion of the job at all stages.
- Briefing of crew to be done regarding the use of different types of chemicals on board.

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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