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## MSC Napoli in Danger

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MSC Napoli with two tugboats

On Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the MSC Napoli boat was run aground in the southwest of England in the Channel.

This boat has already been run ground in 2001, south of Singapour. For the second time, its crew abandoned MSC Napoli in January 2007 during the tempest of Kyrill. It's the biggest container ship in the world. It transports 4,773 tons of goods among which 1,683 tons of dangerous products. It measures 275.66 metres. 50 containers fell into

the sea. The cause of this accident is that three breaches tore the hull, and the rudder was stuck. On Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, the oil tanker "Forth Fisher" pumped 3,500 tons of fuel during one week. A pollution layer spread out in the Channel. The 26-crew members were saved. They were evacuated on Thursday by helicopter. The ship left Antwerp and was bound for Portugal with 2,400 containers on board.

We hope that the pollution layer will not spread into the sea.