

# **Fatal accident on board the Hong Kong registered ship “*Saga Spray*” at Sweden on 16 November 2006**

## **1. The Incident**

- 1.1 An accident happened onboard the Hong Kong registered ship “*Saga Spray*” in the port of Helsingborg, Sweden on 16 November 2006. While an Ordinary Seaman and a bulldozer operator entering the No. 9 cargo hold via the enclosed stair trunk, they collapsed inside the trunk. The Ordinary Seaman died and the bulldozer operator seriously injured in the incident. Eleven persons served in the rescue team felt physically uncomfortable and admitted to hospital for observation.

## **2. Lessons**

- 2.1 The enclosed stair trunks should be properly ventilated preferably by mechanical means and tested for the safety levels of oxygen and carbon monoxide prior to the entry of personnel;
- 2.2 Wood pellets are classified as Group B cargoes, the Master and the Crewmembers should be well aware the safety requirements stipulated in the BC Code; and
- 2.3 Appropriate warning signs should be displayed at the entrances of the stair trunks.