INTER ASIA TENACITY

On 12th June, a fire was reported aboard the container vessel Interasia Tenacity while it was transiting the Arabian Sea off the coast of Kerala, India. The vessel, with 21 Filipino crew members, departed from Port Klang, Malaysia, on 8th June, carrying 1,387 containers. It is scheduled to arrive at Nhava Sheva Port, India, on 14th June.

The fire broke out at approximately 8:40 a.m. local time and was confined to a single container on the container ship's deck. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) responded swiftly to the distress call and redirected its offshore patrol vessel, ICGS Sachet, to the scene. Additionally, ICG aircraft Dornier was also deployed to provide aerial surveillance of the situation.

The ICG reported that the Interasia Tenacity's crew acted swiftly to contain the fire without requiring external firefighting support. However, the ICG continues to monitor the vessel while it continues its voyage. Authorities have confirmed that no casualties or environmental pollution occurred in the incident. This marks another fire incident involving the containership in Indian water within a week. On 9th June Singapore-flagged containership Wan Hai 503 caught fire after an onboard explosion off the Kerala Coast. Interasia Tenacity is a 2024-built container ship sailing under the flag of Singapore. The vessel measures a length of 194.50 metres and a width of 34.80 metres.

The matter was reported to KSEOC. Accordingly the coastal districts and response agencies were alerted regarding the fire on the vessel. The ship initially requested to port at Cochin Port for integrity checks, but was diverted subsequently as the fire was reported to be extingushed.