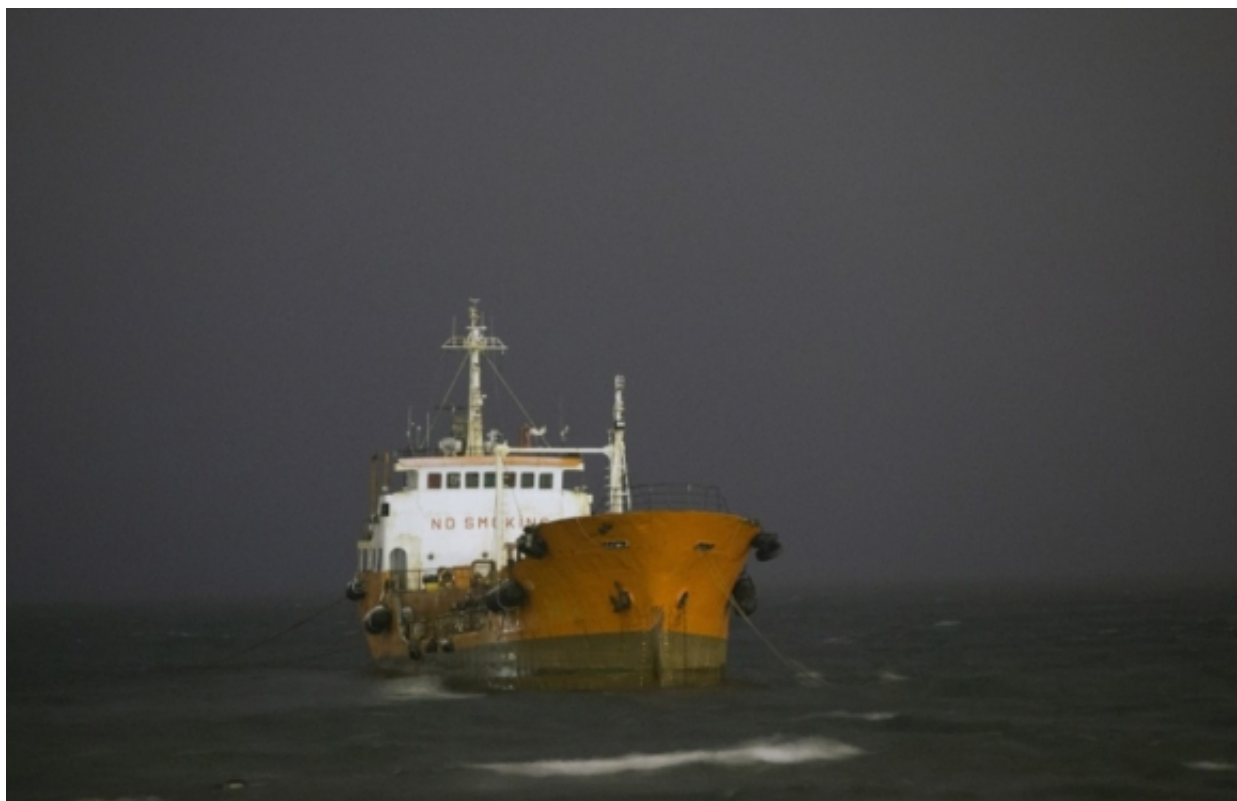

Probe launched in wreckage of Nadezhda oil tanker in Sakhalin



Investigating bodies of the Far Eastern Transport Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee have opened a criminal investigation in a crime under part 1 of article 263 of the RF Penal Code (violation safety standards for traffic and operation of sea transport) following a procedural check in the wreckage of the Nadezhda oil tanker.

Investigators have revealed that on 28 November 2015, the Nadezhda oil tanker which was on the roads was grounded by a storm in the port of Nevelsk.

At the moment of the wreckage there were 8 crewmembers and 300 tons of mazut and 200 tons of low-viscous fuel aboard the ship owned by OOO Akvatoria registered in the town of Nakhodka, Primorye Territory.

No-one was hurt. One of the tanks was damaged and there was an oil spill.

Nevelsk precinct suffered large damage due to pollution of the sea near the port of Nevelsk and the nearby water and shoreline by oil spill.

At present, during the initial investigation there are investigative operations underway to find out what happened. The investigation is ongoing.

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