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### **SMALL FIRE ONBOARD AUSTRALIAN NAVY VESSEL**

#### **NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:**

- During the cleaning of a spill of a chemical cleaning agent onboard a Navy vessel, a small fire developed with an attendant spread of smoke. The fire was quickly extinguished.
- In an adjacent compartment, cardboard contaminated with the cleaning agent also began to ignite and develop significant smoke. This fire was also quickly extinguished but clearance of smoke took a while longer.

#### **THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:**

- The evening of 15 March 2012.

#### **ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:**

- The vessel returned to port early on Friday 16 March to rectify minor damage from the fire.
- An investigation has commenced.
- All responses were in accordance with extant procedures. One sailor who briefly inhaled smoke was landed to a local hospital for monitoring as a precautionary measure.

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