**Vessel Name:                                                 YANTIAN EXPRESS**

Built:                                                                  2002

GRT:                                                                88,493

IMO number:                                                9229831

Vessel type:                                                   Containership

Casualty type:                                               Fire

Casualty date:                                                3rd January 2019

Voyage:                                                          108W Far Eastern Ports to North America via Suez

Reports have been received that German flag vessel YANTIAN EXPRESS (88,493gt, built 2002) is on fire in the North Atlantic approximately 650 miles off the coast of Canada. No injuries have been reported as a result of the incident.

It is understood that the fire started in one of the containers on deck, spreading to other containers in the vicinity. Fire firefighting operations by the crew were hampered because of poor weather and heavy seas.

A tug is on its way to the casualty and the situation is being monitored by the US Coast Guard. We understand that a cargo vessel HAPPY RANGER is also nearby to provide further assistance as might be required.

The vessel’s last port of call before the accident was Colombo from where she sailed on 17th December 2018. Prior to this she called at Singapore, Cai Mep, Busan, Qianwan, Yangshan and Hong Kong. She is destined for New York, Savannah, Jacksonville, Norfolk and Halifax.

As well as cargo damage, it is possible the claims for salvage and general average will arise as a result of this incident.

Dolphin Maritime has many years of experience dealing with claims arising from containership fires. If you are the insurers of cargo on board this vessel and require assistance with any claims arising, then please do not hesitate to contact us. We can assist with:

-          Arranging cargo damage surveys

-          Investigating the cause of the incident

-          Provision of Average Guarantees

-          Provision of Salvage Guarantees (from a premium of 0.50% of the guarantee amount)

-          Recovery of losses on NO CURE NO PAY terms

-          Defence of General Average claim on NO CURE NO PAY terms

-          Representing cargo insurers in relation to LOF Salvage Claims

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Best regards

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