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Dear Sir Stephen

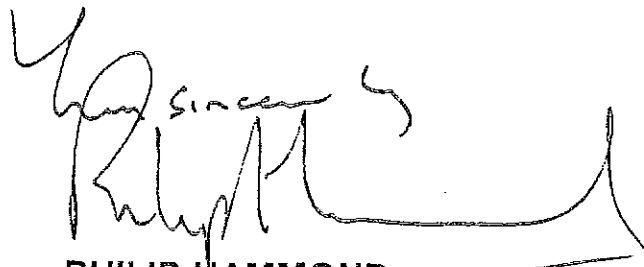
MFV Trident

Thank you for submitting your report on the rehearing of the formal investigation into the loss of the motor fishing vessel "Trident" registered at Peterhead (Official number PD111).

I am grateful for the diligence that you and the two assessors, Mr Macwhirter and Mr Normandale, have shown in producing this report, which I am today forwarding to the families and other parties to the investigation.

It seems that there is little more that my Department can now do in respect of the Trident. However, I have asked the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Fishing Industry Safety Group to consider the practicality of your recommendation on the introduction of a minimum angle of vanishing stability of at least 60 degrees for new fishing vessels. I have also asked them to consider whether the evidence gathered throughout the investigation might be made available to those involved in research into new intact stability criteria. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency will look at what value this evidence might have in developing stability awareness training courses for fishermen.

We are aiming to publish the report on the Trident website tomorrow afternoon. I am copying this letter to both Mr Macwhirter and Mr Normandale.

Yours sincerely

PHILIP HAMMOND