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Seychelles Ports Authority  
Ammonia Leak Incident at Mahe Quay  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

This morning, the Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA) was alerted on a suspected ammonia leakage onboard a fishing vessel alongside Mahe Quay. The SPA immediately took proper evacuation action of port personnel and informed the relevant authorities including the Seychelles Fire and Rescue Services Agency (SFRSA) and the Seychelles Maritime Safety Authority (SMSA).

As per the emergency guidelines provided by the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, and as per relevant SOPs of the SPA, the vessel was requested to cease operation and proceed to the anchorage, until such time the Port State Control - SMSA - or a surveyor approved by the SMSA attend to the vessel and confirm in writing that everything was under control and the vessel can resume work. The recognized surveyor soon after confirmed same and the vessel was instructed to proceed back to Mahe Quay to resume operations as well as the staff who had been evacuated at the IDC's car park. Meanwhile, the investigation continues to establish what really happened.

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