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ANTWERP NEWS on 13/04/2026:

PARTIAL HALT OF SHIPPING TRAFFIC AT PORT OF ANTWERP AFTER OIL SPILL.



Source: Unknown

Pollution Incident Overview:

On Thursday, 9 April 2026, an oil spill occurred during bunkering operations at the Deurganck Dock in the Port of Antwerp. The spill extended into the River Scheldt and was promptly detected. Port authorities immediately initiated containment procedures, which remain ongoing.

Operational impact:

As of 10 April 2026, shipping traffic in the affected zones has been partially suspended. Vessel movements are being regulated on a case-by-case basis, depending on safety and cleanup progress. While full port operations have not been entirely halted, delays and congestion are expected due to restricted access in certain areas.

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Given the strategic importance of the Port of Antwerp-Bruges as a major European hub, even limited disruption may lead to knock-on effects across logistics and supply chains.

Cleanup and Environmental Monitoring:

Specialized response teams are actively engaged in oil recovery operations, focusing on surface containment and removal. Environmental authorities are closely monitoring water quality and potential ecological impact within the Scheldt area.

Future Actions:

Authorities are conducting a full investigation into the cause of the spill. Additional safety protocols may be introduced to prevent recurrence. Further updates will follow as more information becomes available.

At this stage, no confirmed timeline has been issued for a full return to normal operations. Further updates will be provided as additional verified information becomes available.

Jean-Pierre ASSAKER

F. LEVESQUE

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