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Abstract: Shipping is a significant contributor to marine pollution. The lessons learned from maritime disasters and the conclusions resulting from the investigations carried out have had a major impact on the improvement of maritime safety over the years. The international rules on civil liability for oil pollution make it possible to establish the fundamental principles governing the investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector. The civil liability conventions were adopted to ensure that adequate compensation is available to persons who suffer oil pollution damage resulting from maritime casualties involving oil-carrying ships.