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## Press release

### Small fire in the production area of AAK in Aarhus, Denmark

This afternoon there was a small fire in the production area of AAK in Aarhus, Denmark; more specifically in the Soap Splitting plant. The fire has been put out, and there are no serious injuries. An AAK employee was hit by some "drops" of hot oil on his arm, which resulted in a few blisters. This was treated at the site.

The production in general and deliveries to customers are not expected to be affected by the temporary stop in the Soap Splitting plant.

There was heavy smoke at the site, but the fire was soon under control. At the time, the fire department did not know if the smoke was hazardous, so all employees were ordered to leave the area. It later turned out that this was not the case, and the employees were allowed to go back into the area.

The fire arose in the Soap Splitting plant when an external fitter was using an angle grinder during maintenance. A spark ignited material nearby. The fitter and employees set off the alarm themselves.

Production in the entire area was stopped – this in accordance with safety regulations. All plants, except the Soap Splitting plant, will start up shortly.

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