

Marine Safety Forum – Safety Flash 10/04

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Subject: Insufficiently Secured Cargo

Narrative

Recently incidents have occurred whereby equipment was insufficiently secured in cargo carrying units. Damage to the equipment was only prevented by the awareness of vessels' crews at the loading and backloading stages. On all occasions, it was established that the securing methods used by the packers' on and offshore was futile.

Industry guidelines are clear on what are minimum requirements, (*refer to the Safe Packing and Handling of Cargo to and from Offshore Locations, November 2008 for further information*) however, sometimes extra lashing maybe what is needed to ensure the equipment is correctly and effectively secure.



Actions for Prevention

Cargo packers and inspection personnel (onshore and offshore)

Follow Industry best practice and your Company's procedures at all times. Remember if **you** feel due to weight, size, configuration, time of year, the equipment being shipped needs more effective securing methods.....**then do it! Common Sense must prevail!**

Vessel crews

Highlight these potential hazards with onshore / offshore personnel as soon as possible after receiving the unit. If the unit(s) needs to be removed from the vessel until more adequate methods of securing are needed then this should be done if safe to do so.