

## **MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 129 OF 2002**

(Miscellaneous Information)

### **Safety Guide for Shipboard Container Handling**

Recently there have been a number of serious accidents, some fatal, involving container handling operations on local licensed vessels and Mainland coastal and river-trade vessels. In most cases the cause of the accident could be attributed to failure by the person in charge of works, the derrick crane operator and/or the slinger to observe safe working practices.

Such accidents can be avoided if advice given in the booklet “Safety Guide for Shipboard Container Handling” published by the Marine Department is properly followed. It is recommended that a copy of this Safety Guide is kept on board each vessel involved in container handling operations and its contents are observed at all times by all the parties concerned.

Owners, masters and operators of local licensed vessels, stevedore companies, owners and agents of Mainland coastal and river-trade vessels, and persons in charge of shipboard container handling operations in the waters of Hong Kong are urged to observe proper safe working practices for shipboard container handling operations in accordance with the advice given in the “Safety Guide for Shipboard Container Handling”.

Copies of the “Safety Guide for Shipboard Container Handling” are available free of charge from Marine District Offices and the Marine Industrial Safety Section at Room 2315, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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