Report of investigation into the fatal industrial accident happened on board the Chinese registered multi-purpose vessel “Sui Ha Yun 628” on 29 November 2017

1. The incident

1.1 A fatal industrial accident happened on board the Chinese registered vessel off Tuen Mun Immigration Anchorage on 29 November 2017.

1.2 The captain was struck by a moving lifting gear whilst he stood on top of a container waiting it to be lifted, he fell down to the cargo hold bottom and was declared dead.

2. Lessons learnt

2.1 The derrick boom was fast moving leading the lifting gear at high speed towards the container top.

2.2 The captain who acted as a slinger prematurely stood on top of the container to be lifted not according to the code of practice section 5.3.12 and failed to keep a safe distance from the approaching lifting gear according to the code of practice section 5.3.15, resulting in his incapability to avoid the fast moving lifting gear and being struck and falling to his death.

2.3 The person in charge failed to advice the captain to comply strictly with the code of practice.