

Accident of a Man Overboard from the Hong Kong Registered Oil Tanker “C. Dream” at Ulsan, Korea on 12 November 2015 (All time were Local Time UTC +9)

1. The incident

1.1 On 12 November 2015, at about 0236 hrs, the Hong Kong registered oil tanker “C. Dream” (*the vessel*) completed discharge at the No.2 berth of SBM in Ulsan, Republic of Korea.

1.2 The portside accommodation ladder of *the vessel* was prepared for a service boat to pick up the shore personnel before casting off from the SBM. A service boat arrived at about 0315 hrs and the cargo supervisor donned with an inflatable lifejacket went down as the first one through the accommodation ladder for disembarkation. While the cargo supervisor just landed on the forward deck of the service boat, he lost his balance and fell into water. He could not be found despite continuous search and rescue operations carried out immediately after the incident.

1.3 The investigation into the accident revealed the main contributory cause was as follow:

- (a) the cargo supervisor might not stay alert to avoid falling overboard while he jumped from the accommodation ladder to the service boat; and
- (b) the lifejacket not being donned properly.

2. Lessons learnt

2.1 When transferring personnel between a ship and a boat through pilot ladder or accommodation ladder at sea, all people should:

- (a) take into account the risk of falling into sea while embarkation or disembarkation; and
- (b) don a lifejacket properly.