

Marine Department Notice No. 85 of 2011

(Marine Industrial Accident)

Safe Access between Tiers of Containers

The Master of a river trade vessel fell to the bottom of the cargo hold when he was climbing up from a third tier container to the top of a fourth tier container without using a suitable ladder. He was later certified dead in the hospital.

2. The investigation revealed that the Master probably lost his footing or slipped and fell to the cargo hold bottom when he was climbing up the container.

3. To avoid recurrence of similar accidents, the attention of owners, masters and persons-in-charge of all vessels are drawn to the following important advice: -

- All persons involved in cargo operations should use a suitable ladder to gain access or egress from tops of a single tier of containers or when ascending or descending to the next tier level on container stacks; and
- The ladder should be secured to prevent it from slipping.

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