

Marine Department Notice No. 129 of 2011

(Marine Industrial Accident)

Safe Handling of Cargo At Sea

The Master of a river trade vessel was hit by a container and fell to the bottom of the cargo hold during cargo operation. He was later certified dead in the hospital.

2. The investigation revealed that the cargo inside the container had probably shifted causing the container to develop a sudden swing as it was lifted. The Master did not keep a safe distance away from the lifted container and was hit by the swinging 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 keep a safe distance away from the cargo being lifted or lowered.

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