

Marine Department Notice No. 134 of 2011

(Marine Industrial Accident)

Safe Handling of Cargo At Sea

The Chief Officer of a river trade vessel was hit by a container and fell to the cargo hold bottom when he was trying to push the container lowering into a slot. He was later certified dead in the hospital.

2. The investigation revealed that the Chief Officer was not aware of the “dead spot” developed during cargo operation and stayed in the “dead spot” without knowledge.

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 must not stay in a “dead spot” where there is no safe means of escape or the means of escape is difficult to gain access to.

Francis H. P. Liu
Director of Marine

Marine Department
Government of the HKSAR
Date: 15 November 2011
Action file ref.: MAI/P 903/011-2010