



## **Marine Industrial Safety Alert**

### **A worker fell down to the bottom of cargo hold from height**

- 1) **Date of Accident:** October 2022
- 2) **Time of Accident:** In the morning
- 3) **Place of Accident:** At the waters of an anchorage area
- 4) **Vessel involved:** An ocean going vessel (OGV)
- 5) **Summary:**

Recently, a local dumb steel lighter (DSL) moored alongside an OGV at the waters of an anchorage for transferring a pile of H-beams from the first cargo hold of OGV to DSL by means of the derrick crane equipped on board the DSL.

At the material time, a local worker was standing on the top of piled H-beam inside the cargo hold of OGV for hooking work. Suddenly, a chain hook of the derrick crane was swinging and hit the worker, causing him falling from about 7m to the bottom of the hold. The worker was hospitalized and was later certified dead.

Investigation of the accident is being carried out.

- 6) **Safety alert:**
  - Works shall be carried out under the supervision of at least one works supervisor.
  - Persons in charge of works and employers shall provide such information, training and supervision as may be necessary to ensure, in so far as reasonably practicable, the safety of a person employed at work.
- 7) **Applicable legislation:**
  - Shipping and Port Control (Works) Regulation (Cap. 313 sub, leg X), section 18 – “Works to be supervised by works supervisors”
  - Shipping and Port Control (Works) Regulation (Cap. 313 sub, leg X), section 23 – “General duties of persons in charge of works and employers”

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