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SHORE-BASED PRE-SLUNG CARGO SLINGS

This safety bulletin is for:

- New Zealand shipping companies
- New Zealand port companies and stevedoring companies
- New Zealand harbourmasters.

Purpose of this bulletin

Following release in June 2007 of Safety Bulletin Issue 12 on “Lifting slings, loose gear and dunnage”, industry noted that not all pre-slung cargo slings are owned or used exclusively by the involved ship and its shipping company. While Safety Bulletin 12 focuses on the equipment owned and used by the ship, the land-based lifting slings fall under the enforcement jurisdiction of the Department of Labour (DoL) and the land-based requirements for those items of equipment.

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise that the testing, certification, inspection, examination and record keeping for pre-slung cargo slings provided by shore-based organisations must comply with DoL requirements as given in the *Approved Code of Practice for Cranes* and the *Approved Code of Practice for Load Lifting Rigging* and also should comply with the *NZ Code of Practice for Health and Safety in Port Operations* as jointly produced by Maritime New Zealand/DoL.

Ship/shore legislation interaction

It is recommended that companies and organisations involved in pre-slugging cargo should closely consider the interaction between shore-based and ship-based requirements. This should include appropriate solutions for:

- The sharing of equipment register information between land-based organisations, the vessels carrying shore-sourced pre-slung cargo slings and the workforce undertaking the loading and discharge.
- The ship/shore co-ordinated appointment of “responsible persons” at the point of lifting for pre-use inspection, supportive detail on their responsibilities and suggestions on safe working practices.

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