

Safety Alert

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Subject: Cargo Securing Gear Hooks – Potential Dropped Objects

What Happened / Narrative

On two separate occasions recently PSV's arrived on location and the AB's proceeded to release and remove the cargo securing gear then retrieve the 'cargo securing gear' hooks from the CCU's but on both occasions one hook was missed and was lifted with the CCU to the installation, thus resulting in a potential 'dropped object' situation.

Why Did it Happen / Cause

Cargo securing gear support 'hooks' of the type pictured below are often used by PSV's to support the cargo securing wire or chain while it is being tightened around the cargo. This is done to prevent the cargo securing equipment from falling down and becoming trapped underneath CCU's while at the same time ensuring the AB does not need to hold the securing gear while the strain is being taken up.

This type of cargo securing gear support hooks are commonly used and are considered to be 'improvised tools'. They are not constructed to any standard, have no certification and would not be included in the vessels inventory of cargo securing gear.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

Following these incidents all PSV's operating for this charterer were requested to immediately stop using these hooks and where / when required and considered safe and practical to do so use rope / twine to keep the securing gear in place whilst the strain is being taken.

Refer to GOMO Section 9.6 (Potential dropped objects) and GOMO UK Supplement section 5.2 (Cargo securing) for further information and guidance.

Photographs / Supporting Information



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