

Safety Alert

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Subject: Incorrect Container Delivery Offshore

What Happened / Narrative

In May 2017, a company vessel received and loaded an incorrect IMDG Class 1 container while in port. The vessel was expecting an IMDG Class 1 container, but with a different identification number. The vessel then sailed to the installation and delivered the incorrect container.

Why Did it Happen / Cause

- The incorrect container was loaded onto a lorry by a 3rd party and driven to the quayside.
- The quayside supervisor did not notice the incorrect container and loaded it onto the vessel.
- During loading, the vessel crew did not notice that the container ID being loaded did not match the one stated on the manifest.
- The ID numbers of the containers were very similar.
- Crew use a loading program for making deck plans as per charterer's instruction, instead of physically drawing the deck plan and writing the container ID number.

Corrective Actions Taken by Submitting Company

- All bridge officers reminded of the importance of cross checking and confirming the container numbers while loading.
- Fleet Circular was issued to inform all fleet vessels.

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