

Safety Alert

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Subject: Deck Cargo Operations at Offshore Installation

What Happened / Narrative

A Vessel was stationed in DP Mode alongside an offshore installation and carrying out backload operations with the offshore crane.

While backloading a 20ft container onto the deck, the Crane Operator misjudged the available space and accidentally landed the large container on top of a smaller empty 10ft basket which snagged and flipped the smaller container upside down. Weather conditions were favourable and well within normal working limits although in order to maintain optimum station keeping the vessel was stationed stern to the slight swell.

Why Did it Happen / Cause

Vessel movement and the Crane Operators misjudgment are both considered to be contributing factors. No damage or injuries were sustained, the large container was immediately recovered to the installation and the Crane Operator was able to right the smaller container without further incident.

It is worth noting that the deck crew were well clear and in a place of safety at the time of the Near Miss in accordance with best practice.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

No corrective or preventative measures to be taken as the incident was out with the control of ship staff and all precautions were taken.

Photographs / Supporting Information



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