

Safety Alert

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Subject: Snagged Lifting Bridle

What Happened / Narrative

A Platform Supply Vessel was alongside an installation in calm sea conditions working deck cargo. Whilst discharging an open top mini basket type unit one leg of the basket's lifting bridle snagged on the bottom corner of the unit, almost causing it to tip over.

The vessel's deck crew immediately informed the installation crane operator when they noticed the snagged bridle and with some careful manoeuvring the crane operator managed to free the bridle from under the corner of the unit. The basket was then raised up to the installation as normal.

Note: The vessel deck crew were commended for not rushing towards the snagged bridle to free it, as they could have placed themselves in a potentially hazardous situation.



Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

- Container manufacturers to consider re-engineering units to eliminate/reduce snagging hazards
- The length of the unit lifting bridle will be measured to ascertain if it was excessive, leading to this incident
- The installation crane operator to be informed about any lifts with a potential to snag
- All parties are reminded that good communications between the vessel and the installation crane are essential for safe operations

Further information and safe operating practices can be found within "Best Practice for the Safe Packing & Handling of Cargo to & from Offshore Locations" available at www.onshoreoffshorecargo.com

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