

Safety Flash A12-12



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Subject: Non-declared Class 7 DG back loaded on OSV

Incident

At an offshore installation, a 10 x 8 ft container was back loaded to an OSV during routine cargo operations. The container had no dangerous goods (DG) placard nor paper work associated with it. The description from the platform over radio communications was that it was general prescriptive waste.

Upon receipt of the manifest on completion of cargo, it was noticed by the OOW that class 7 DG existed in the container, which had subsequently been block stowed and was inaccessible.

Root Cause

- Inadequate transparency in communications with the platform to OSV prior to cargo operations
- Inadequate compliance to the IMDG Code for signage on container
- Failure to provide OSV with manifest and DG declarations prior to receiving cargo

Lessons Learnt

- Platform to properly manifest cargo and placard the containers as reflected in the manifest
- Transparent communications with the OSV prior to commencing cargo
- IMDG Code to be complied with at all times
- As far as practicable, platform to provide OSV with manifest and DG Declaration prior to back loading operations so a dangerous goods deck plan can be developed

Reference Documents

- IMDG Code
- NWEA Guidelines V2, section 3.3.6.4/5