

RECOMMENDATIONS

The perception among part of the industry that a captain cannot receive instructions has historically grown. Traditionally, a captain was dependent on himself and his crew during sea voyages. In the present time, shore communication with ships has improved and there is regular contact between the office and the ship. This allows an operator or ship owner to give instructions in if a situation requires it. The Dutch Safety Board therefore issues the following recommendation.

To the operator Amasus:

1. As a company and owner of ships use, in exceptional situations where the safety of the crew and the ship is or is likely to be compromised, the possibility of imposing instructions on the master.

Shipping of cargo is a process that consists of a number of fundamental or conditional steps. Each of these steps involves one or more parties who play a certain role in the process. This incident has shown that it is important for all parties involved to draw each other's attention to unusual characteristics of a cargo, as is already prescribed for heavy lifts, even if it does not fall into the category of a 'heavy lift'. To promote this, the Dutch Safety Board issues the following recommendations.

To the operator Amasus:

2. Ensure that the stowage and lashing of unusual cargo, i.e. cargo with an eccentric centre of gravity or deviating shape, can be carried out on board in such a way that reality is in accordance with the plan. This incident shows that when drawing up a plan that is feasible in practice, attention should be paid to at least the following topics:
 - a. Making demonstrable use of the existing knowledge and experience of shipping unusual cargo that is present in the company and its employees.
 - b. Using inputdata for the lashing calculations that is accurate and in accordance with reality.
 - c. Requesting all necessary information for the shipping of cargo and sharing this with the crew.
3. If the original lashing plan is deviated from, check whether the changed method of stowing and/or lashing is sufficient to be able to load the cargo safely.

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