



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: SAMSA Marine Notice reg. Crane Wire Incidents.

- Lifting appliances and loose gears onboard ships are required to be thoroughly inspected annually, with a further thorough inspection and a proof load test every five years.
- Maintenance and inspections of the cranes, their wire ropes and their various parts of machinery and equipment are essential to ensure that the operation of the crane is reliable and that there is a minimum of wear and damage.
- In view of number of incident reports involving crane wire parting under load causing extensive damage to cargo lifting equipment, South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) has issued a marine notice 07 of 2019 to bring attention of maritime industries on these incidents.
- The notice includes overview of factors that may cause wire ropes to become damaged, precautions that to be taken by stevedores prior to commencement of crane operation and requirements for vessel's crew with regards to wire ropes.
- Ship owners / operators and masters are advised to take note of above and be guided by attached notice.

Enclosure:

1. South African Maritime Safety Authority Marine Notice no. 7 of 2019

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