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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY NO. 10-21

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: OVERHEAD MONORAIL PROVISION CRANE FAILURE

Date: 13 July 2021

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) has been notified of the death of one seafarer and serious injury of another following the failure of an overhead monorail provision crane aboard a 2014 built ultramax bulk carrier. The monorail crane was being used to lower a load (which weighed less than 10% of the safe working load) to the berth, when the entire hoisting arrangement fell from the overhead monorail.

Based on the Administrator’s review of the information that is currently available, it is recommended that:

1. all overhead monorail provision cranes be visually inspected for any signs of damage, deterioration, or other defects, with particular attention to the mounting/fixing arrangements;
2. any overhead monorail provision crane found to have suspected damage, deterioration, or critical defects be taken out of service until properly assessed, load tested, and/or repaired; and
3. all crewmembers aboard RMI-flagged ships be reminded of the importance of staying clear of suspended loads.

The Administrator’s investigation into this casualty is on-going; however, preliminary details are being provided for awareness.

This MSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.