

SAFETY ALERT

CARGO HOOK— FALLEN LIFTING GEAR

OTAGO—NEW ZEALAND SSA

WHAT HAPPENED :

During the loading of a log vessel the lifting tackle (wires, chains, and attachments) came off the hook of the ships crane and fell a height of 20 feet to the ground. The lifting tackle landed approximately 6 feet from the wharf hand (Longshoreman) on the ground

ACTIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE :

- All keepers were inspected with security wire placed between bridals and cargo hook shackle
- Ensure lifting tackle arrangements are designed to connect with each other and in SWL e.g., lifting wire, chains and shackles are all within same capacity.
- Ensure safety latches on hooks are in working order and secure to prevent displacement

