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A handshake for safety



A meeting and agreement between the people involved, is the starting point for a safe workday.

Dear all,

G2 Ocean is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for all personnel involved in our operations. The purpose of our Safety Bulletins is to raise awareness of health & safety risks associated with cargo operations.

G2 Ocean works with several hundred stevedore companies worldwide. We believe that by seeking and sharing insights across company and country boundaries, we can prevent future incidents together. Descriptions of incidents will always be fully anonymised.

There are no incidents described in this edition. Instead, we want to promote the use of the “**health & safety on board form**” as a starting point for a safe port stay.

If you have any feedback, please email us at: safety@g2ocean.com

Best regards G2 Ocean Team

Health & safety on board form

Safety is not something that we have, it is a condition which must be created every day. And it can only be created by the persons involved in the operations.

The purpose of the “health and safety on board form” is to start all port stays with an agreement between stevedores and vessel crew, to work safely. The form shall be completed for every port call (with an exception for our time-chartered vessels).

The workflow is as follows:

1 INFORM

The G2 Ocean Operator sends the form to the vessel agent / stevedore company, minimum three working days before arrival, so everyone is informed in due time about the content.

2 PROVIDE PRINTED COPY

On arrival, the Master will provide a printed copy to the stevedore representative.

3. OBTAIN SIGNATURE

The form shall be reviewed and signed by the stevedore representative as soon as possible, no later than 4 hours after the start of cargo operations.

4. ARCHIVE

The signed form is filed onboard.





The health & safety onboard form is a one-pager, covering basic safety which everyone should be able to agree to. Many of the Life-Saving Rules are included:
 No smoking, no standing below suspended loads, no walking or standing on hatch coamings. A walk-through shall be completed by a stevedore representative, before cargo operations starts.

Agreed: «Today we will work safely».



Integration is one of G2 Ocean’s safety behaviours. We expect this behaviour from our own employees, and everyone we work with. It means to integrate what you know into your daily habits. The safety rules in the form are quite basic and well-known to all, but we need to recommit to them regularly.

Consequences:

- When analyzing incidents which resulted in personal injuries, we often find that safety rules known to everyone were not followed.

Lesson learned:

- Compared to other industries, shipping is different in that persons who have never met before need to work closely together. Begin the port stay with a handshake and an agreement to work safely. Use the health and safety onboard form!