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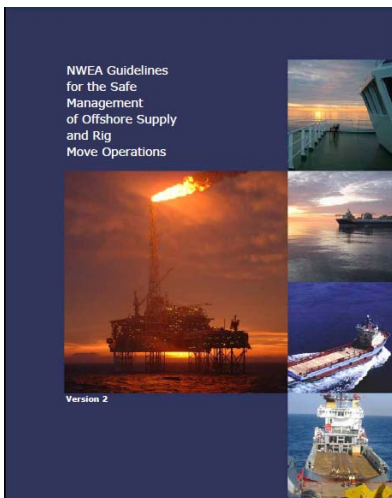
Subject: Missing Dangerous Goods Declaration

Narrative

The vessel arrived in port to discharge cargo. The cargo paperwork was handed into the inbound cargo department for processing. It was found that the dangerous goods declarations were missing however the dangerous goods had been backloaded onto the vessel.

This practice of vessels' receiving dangerous goods without notification and paperwork is becoming common.

It is important that vessel Masters' make sure at **all times** before any unit is loaded that the declaration of Dangerous Goods is provided as per the *North West European Area Guidelines* and the *IMDG code*.



Failure to receive the correct notification / paperwork may have serious consequences for the vessel if an onboard emergency develops or there is a visit by port state control.

If the vessel **does not** receive a dangerous goods declaration or notification then the lift **should not** be loaded whether in port or at an offshore location.

Please refer to the relevant sections of the *North West European Area Guidelines* for further information.