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TO ALL PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, MASTERS, SHIP'S OFFICERS LOADING AND DISCHARGING AT SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS AND STEVEDORE COMPANIES

STEVEDORE ACCIDENT: LARGE TYRES

1. Following the death of a stevedore in the hold of a vessel during the discharge of large tyres, the following points are to be brought to the attention of all concerned.
2. Large tyres of the Earthmover, Giant Earthmover and Rock-mining types can weigh as much as 2,5 tonnes and exceed 3m in diameter. The worker in question was crushed to death when a tyre of this type, standing upright against a bulk-head toppled onto him without warning while he was facing away from it.
3. The profile of the tread of these large tyres, particularly Earthmovers is slightly convex and they should therefore not be left standing upright and unattended in the hold of a vessel after the lashing or facewires have been removed. In the case where this is unavoidable and it is impractical to prop or support them pending their discharge, the employees concerned should be briefed on the dangers involved. All such tyres should be regarded as potentially unstable.

for DIRECTOR-GENERAL: TRANSPORT

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