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To: Ship Masters
Ship Agents
Foremen of Port Workers
Terminal Operators

Lashing and Unlashing Operations on board Ro-Ro Vessels

Ship Masters and Terminal Operators are hereby reminded of the importance of ensuring that all safety measures are addressed during Ro-Ro operations. Particular reference is made to maintaining safe and healthful conditions for Port Workers employed to carry out port work including the lashing and unlashings of ro-ro units.

In this respect the following measures are to be complied with during discharging and loading operations:

1. Vehicle engines (whether the vehicle is an accompanied vehicle or otherwise) may not be switched on before the unlashings process has been safely terminated and instructions to start the vehicle's engine are given by the foreman in charge; and
2. Forced mechanical ventilation systems in cargo spaces shall be switched on to expel harmful and/or toxic fumes and assure a continuous supply of fresh air.

In the event of non compliance, enforcement and legal action may be taken as deemed appropriate.

Capt David Bugeja
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