HSEQ ALERT- DROPPED OBJECT

Description of Incident		Metal plate detached itself from the container and fell to the ground. The metal plate was 5kg in weight and approximately 350mm x 300mm						
Location	Quayside		Classification	Near Miss				
What Happened?								

Container was mobilised to quayside on Monday 13th May 2019 for the vessel sailing to an off-shore installation.

On loading the vessel on Tuesday the 14th of May, the Loading Team had noticed that the bottom of the container had loose debris (rust) falling to the ground and then a metal plate detached itself from the container.

The metal plate was 5kg in weight and approximately 350mm x 300mm – a sizeable steel plate to fall from height. No persons were injured.





Why Did It Happen?

- The design of the forklift pockets in question are liable for the forks to catch, damaging them
- The visual check of the underside of the container was not completed as part of the pre delivery inspection
- Current 3rd party inspections do not cover the underside of containers
- It was established that the metal plates were only stitch welded, which has meant over time, these will have degraded. For DNV certified containers, the plates must have full penetration seam welds

Recommendations

- Inspect all existing forklift pockets on assets to identify designs of this kind. Those showing signs of damage or having stitch welds should be quarantined until rectified
- The underside of containers should be inspected prior to dispatch. Regular inspection and maintenance programs should be implemented

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