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Subject: Potential Dropped Object on Top of a Container

What Happened / Narrative

While hose watching during bunkering operations, a Deck Foreman noticed an object on top of a container onboard the Supply Vessel.

Why Did it Happen / Cause

The object was later found to be a large piece of wood weighing 1kg. With a possible fall height of 15 – 30 meters during lifting operations. There was the potential for a fatality.

The origin of the wood is not known. CCTV images were captured of the container arriving at port and prior to being lifted onto the vessel – the wood was not seen on top of the container at either of these points.

Therefore, the wood appeared on top of the container at some point between being loaded onto the boat and arriving at the installation.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

Vessel Master was contacted, who arranged for the object to be removed.

No preventative actions were taken – It was a great spot by the deck crew.

This event demonstrates the importance of pre-lift checks and good observation at all stages in the supply chain.

Photographs / Supporting Information

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