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Reporting of structural damage to bulk carriers to the MCA

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Structural damage to bulk carriers during loading and unloading operations should be recorded in HAZMAN.

Where structural damage to bulk carriers is serious enough to provide concern for the seaworthiness of the vessel (refer to MGN 107 The Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Cargoes) Regulations 1999 for inspection guidance), such damage is required to be reported to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (as Port State) under The Merchant Shipping (Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers) Regulations 2003 ('The Regulations').

In order to ensure that the required reports are made the following procedure is to be followed:

1. Any HAZMAN damage report to bulk carriers is to be reviewed by the Terminal Manager and the Harbour Master, in consultation with the Vessel Master to determine whether such damage falls into the category of a reportable damage under 'The Regulations'.
2. Where such report is required to be sent, it should be addressed to Cardiff_mo@mcga.go.uk for the attention of the 'Marine Officer'.
3. The report should consist of the following information:
 - a. The HAZMAN report output as an attachment.
 - b. The contact details of the person sending the report.
 - c. The email should contain the subject line: Report under The Merchant Shipping (Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers) Regulations 2003

Reporting to the MCA under this regulation does not remove any requirement to report to the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) under The Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2012, as further explained in MGN 564.