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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SAFE USE OF: OPEN SKIPS

This document is issued in accordance with the requirements of DNV 2.7-1 and EN 12079 or ISO 10855. It outlines the care & safe use of **Open Skips** & is based on the Oil & Gas UK "Best Practice for the Safe Packing & Handling of Cargo to & from Offshore Locations". It should be read in conjunction with the instructions for the safe use of Wire Rope Slings & safe use of Shackles.

This information is of a general nature only covering the main points for the safe use of Open Skips. It may be necessary to supplement this information for specific operations.

ALWAYS

- Always ensure operators wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), e.g. gloves, hard hat, safety glasses, & safety footwear.
- Always ensure operators are trained & competent.
- Always ensure dangerous goods are shipped in compliance with the requirements of the IMDG code.

NEVER

- Never use equipment without carrying out a pre-use inspection.
- Never use equipment that has not been periodically inspected & certified.
- Never replace lifting sets without the approval of a competent person.
- Never use equipment out with its intended purpose.

PRE-USE INSPECTION

- Ensure nets are fit for purpose.
- Ensure the data plate is legible & demonstrates sufficient certification.
- Ensure the safety, identification, & information markings are clear & legible.

- Ensure the lifting set is correctly fitted with shackles & split pins fully engaged.
- Ensure the lifting set is free of obvious signs of damage, e.g. abrasion, corrosion, wear, chemical attack, & mechanical damage.

LOADING & OPERATION

- Fill the skip with only the type of waste instructed.
- When filling the skip ensure heavier flat items are at the bottom & lighter compressible materials on top.
- Never overfill the skip, ensure any waste does not protrude over the top of the unit.
- Ensure the load is equally distributed & does not exceed the payload of the unit.
- The skip must be emptied & cleaned at an appropriate waste disposal facility.

MOVEMENT & TRANSPORT

- Ensure all signs & placards are in place & in compliance with the IMDG Code.
- Ensure forklift pockets, frame, etc., are free of potential dropped objects.
- Ensure the total weight does not exceed the maximum gross weight of the unit.

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- Ensure all lifting is performed using the forklift pockets or dedicated lifting set.
- Lifting must be carried out by competent persons in accordance with an appropriate lifting plan.
- Ensure net is securely fitted to unit.

When stacking ensure:

- Sling set is dropped inside the lower skip.
- Shackles & sling legs are pointing down.
- Forklift is fully engaged in both sides of the stacking pockets.
- Skip rests on all four stacking fittings.

MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION

Moving parts such as drainage caps, shackles, etc. must be regularly lubricated to ensure free movement & combat corrosion.

Any surface damage must be regularly treated to combat corrosion.

Lifting sets shall be subjected to as a minimum as per requirements:

- Visual examination of complete lifting set at intervals not exceeding 12 months.
- Non-destructive examination including visual examination of components & joining links excluding legs at intervals not exceeding 48 months.
- Visual examination of shackles & wire rope legs at intervals not exceeding 6 months.
- Non-destructive examination, & visual examination of chain sling legs at intervals not exceeding 48 months.

Units shall be subjected to as a minimum as per DNV 2.7-1 requirements:

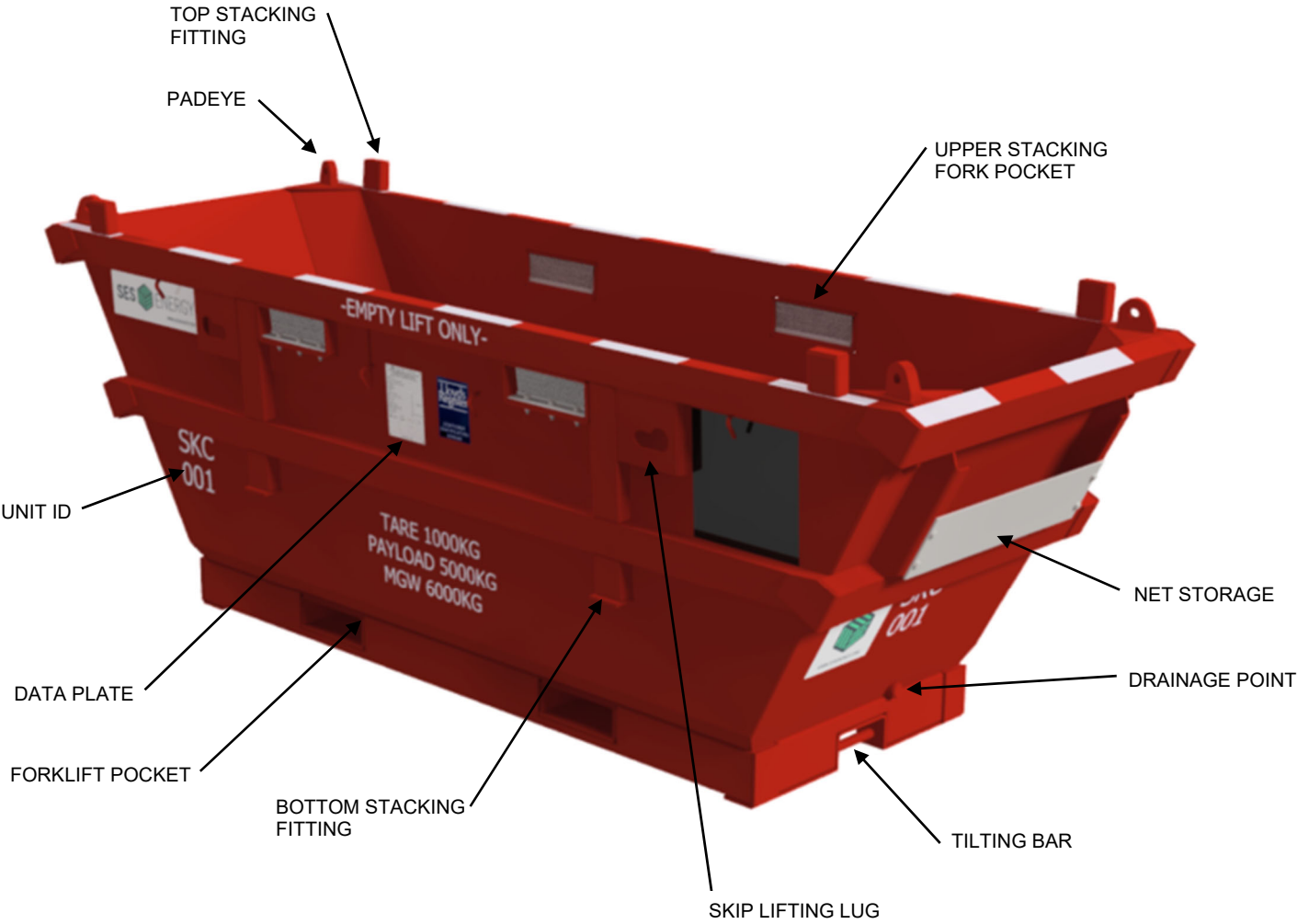
- Visual examination at intervals not exceeding 12 months.
- Non-destructive examination including visual examination at intervals not exceeding 48 months.
- Proof load test, non-destructive examination & visual examination after substantial repair or alteration.

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