OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SAFE USE OF: OPEN TOP CONTAINER FITTED WITH REMOVABLE TOP RAIL

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 Top Container Fitted with Removable Top Rail.**

It should also be read in conjunction with the instructions for the Safe Use of Containers & Open Tops and Safe Use of Wire Rope Slings.

ALWAYS

- Always ensure operators wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), e.g. gloves (cut resistant, impact protection), hard hat, safety glasses, and safety footwear.
- Always ensure operators are trained and competent.
- Always follow site specific safety procedures and applicable local regulations.
- Always ensure the operator has understood this procedure/instruction prior to commencing. Failure to follow these instructions may result in equipment damage or serious injury.
- Always store the top rail on a flat, level surface when removed from unit.

NEVER

- Never use equipment without carrying out a pre-use inspection.
- Never use equipment that has not been periodically inspected and certified.
- Never use equipment out with its intended purpose.
- Never exceed the WLL of the soft slings or forklift truck.

PRE-USE INSPECTION

- Ensure the work area is clean, level and free from obstructions.
- Ensure doors function correctly with hinges and locking gear free moving and undamaged.
- Ensure the safety, identification, and information markings are clear and legible.
- Ensure the removable locking pins are secured to the unit with a chain.
- Ensure unit is free of potential dropped objects.
- Inspect soft slings before every use for cuts, abrasions, core exposure, or chemical damage.
- All lifting equipment to be checked to ensure it is certified.

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MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION

- Paintwork damage must be regularly treated to prevent corrosion.
- Securing pins must be regularly lubricated to ensure free movement and resistance to corrosion.
- Soft lifting slings must undergo formal thorough examinations by a competent person at least every 6 months

TOP RAIL REMOVAL PROCEDURE

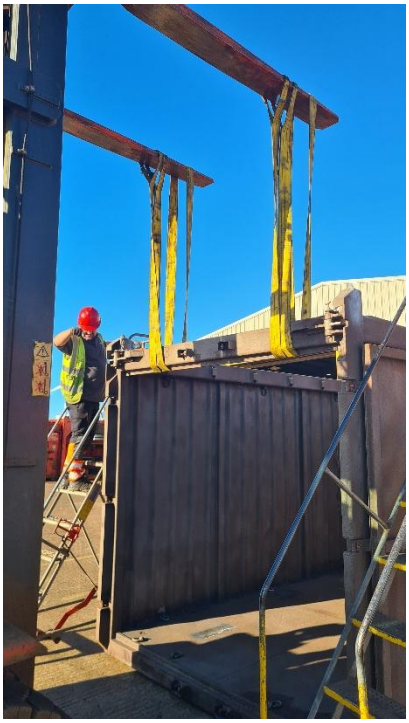
- Only essential personnel may remain within the working area.
- Maintain clear communications between operators and forklift driver.
- Do not leave suspended or partially suspended loads unattended.
- Stop operations immediately if leaning, shifting or unusual movement occurs.

	1.1) Establish an exclusion zone of at least 6 metres in front of the unit.

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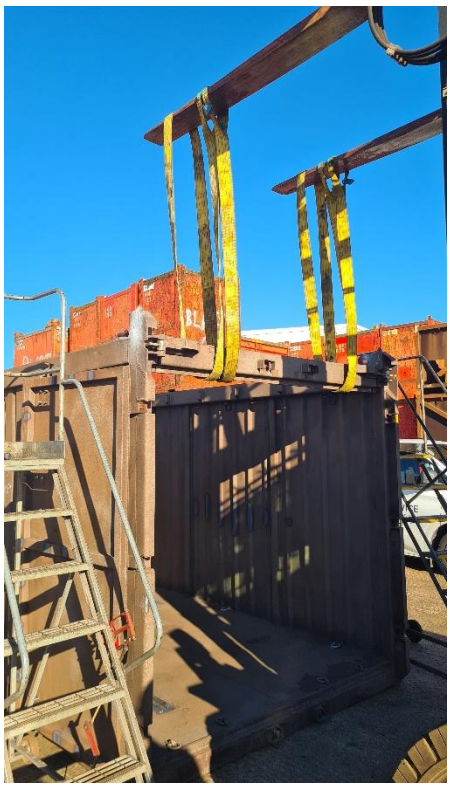
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	2.1) Open and secure the doors. 2.2) Remove sling set from front padeyes.
	3.1) Position soft slings around removable top rail, ensuring sling legs are spaced as far apart as possible and are centred on the top rail. 3.2) Raise the forks to remove slack from the slings, ensuring the unit remains in contact with the ground and is not lifted.

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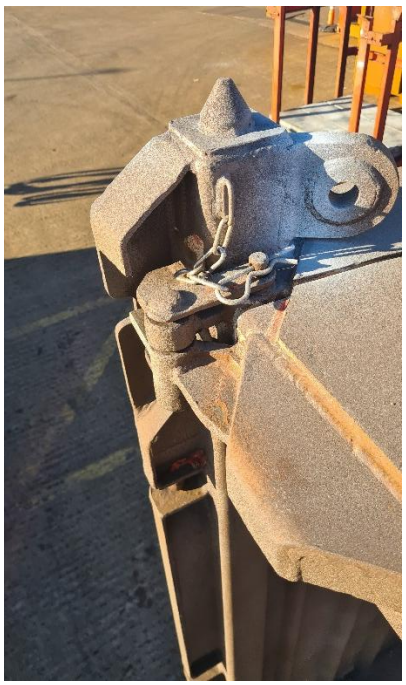
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	4.1) Remove securing pins and position these away from top rail to prevent interference during the top rail removal operation.
	5.1) Ensure all operators are positioned clear of the working area. 5.2) Forklift to move top rail outward and away from unit.

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	6.1) Place top rail on a flat surface, do not keep top rail suspended for any longer than is needed.
	7.1) To fit the top rail follow these steps in reverse. 7.2) Ensure locking pins are securaly fitted and slings are refitted correctly prior to unit dispatch.

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of instability, equipment failure or injury:

- Stop all operations immediately.
- Evacuate the exclusion zone if necessary.
- Report the incident to the responsible supervisor.
- Follow site emergency response procedures.

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