

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO : ROT - P IZJERMAN, Mgr Chrt Vsl Technical Svc Date 1980-12-18

FROM : GTB - R ALDEBJER, Asst Marine Mgr

SUBJECT: M/V OAHU

Please be advised that following work had to be done onboard in order to avoid confrontation with the Union.

One portable stanchion welded on each platform between hatch 1 and 5. The stanchions are welded on the platforms just behind the 35' container shoes. On the stanchions are welded eyes (2 on each) in which ropes are spliced. Said ropes are also spliced to the existing handrails on the platforms.

Above was also done on the top-platform of the cellguides behind hatch no 5.

The work described was necessary due to the fact that if 35' conts are loaded in the outer positions on deck there are big gaps (approx 1.5 m) between the container and existing handrails mounted on the platforms. The Union did not accept this.

When 40' containers are loaded it is only to remove the stanchions and fit them to existing handrails.

Furthermore we had to buy and saw out walking boards to be used between platforms and hatchcovers when 35' conts are loaded in outer positions (dangerous gaps between hatchcovers and platforms). Costs for above work approx SEK 4.500:- (\$ 1050). By the way, is it not possible to make permanent folding gratings or plates instead of using walkingboards which have to be removed every now and then. Such a grating or plate can be fitted to the existing platform with hinges and the other end laying on the hatchcover. When the hatchcover is to be lifted it is only to turn (fold) up the grating.

The Union also requires that following work is done with reference to their safety rules:

A permanent handrail to be welded on cellguide top-platform between hatch 6 and 7. This handrail to be put in the middle of and along the platform. Same kind of stanchions and ropes as made in GTB to be put up on the outer ends on above mentioned platform.

A permanent or portable handrail to be put up on the rear part of the platforms beside hatchcover 5 (risk to fall down between platform and fore end of cellguide).

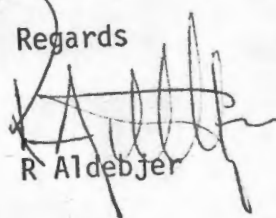
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Above are the problems we know of at the moment except that we can not load 40' conts on hatch 5 as no platform behind hatchcover and due to this the stevedores refuse to lash but we will manage without loading 40' on hatch 6.

Please investigate what can be done in Rotterdam in order to fulfill the Union's requirements. If any more problems come up I will contact you.

Please also advise which account number to use for the invoice covering the work already carried out onboard.

Regards


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