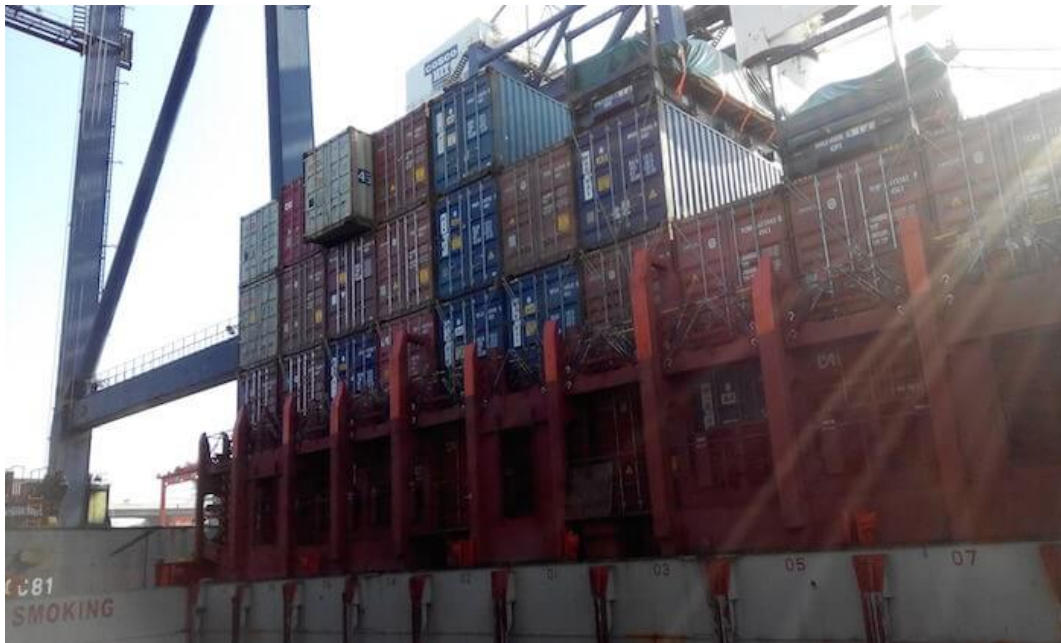




## ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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### 45' Containers Atop On-Deck Tiers



A recent incident at a South Atlantic port, prompts the ILA-USMX Joint Safety Committee to devote some attention to a hazard that will likely have some commonality at all container ports.

45' containers are often subject to on-deck stowage, generally at the top of a stack; high off the weather deck. When such stowage occurs, it's important for the vessel and stevedoring supervision/foremen to consider the potential for the excess 2.5' of the containers' that overhang lower stows (see photo above) to come into contact with the structure of the container crane working the adjacent stack.

In the incident mentioned above, the crane operator's access stairway made contact with a 45' overhanging container and suffered some significant damage. The operator had to be rescued by a local fire company, and endured a good deal of stress throughout the process. Moreover, the situation could have been worse had there been more significant contact.

Bay plans typically disclose such stows present on incoming vessels. Moreover, a good physical eyeballing of the stows planned to come off the ship will reveal what sort of proximity they may have in relation to cranes that are designated to work the ship. Keep informed! Stay Alert!

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