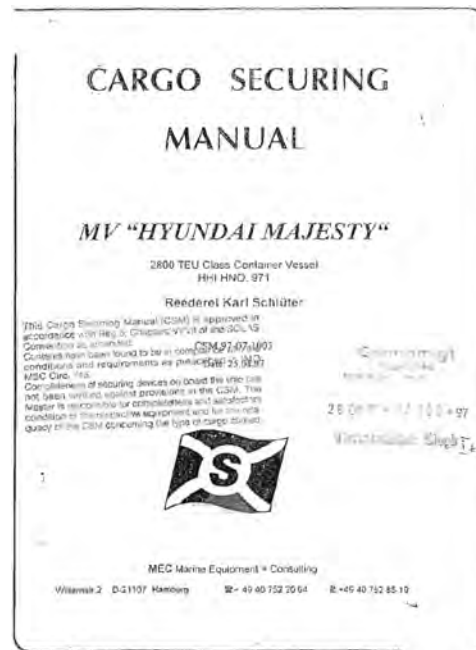




ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

OSH Circular 2026-04 (02 April 2026)

Lashing/Cargo Securing Gear



All vessels registered with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) are required to have on board a Cargo Securing Manual (CSM). The CSM must list the types of cargo securing equipment utilized by the vessel (i.e., lashing rods, turnbuckles, interbox connectors [twistlocks], etc.) and must chronicle (with dates) the types of re-supply and maintenance activities devoted to this category of gear. Also, permissible cargo stowage configurations are found within the CSM.

The ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC) invites labor and management supervision (superintendents & foremen) to focus more attention on the review of CSMs carried by all ships visiting their respective ports. In that manner, our industry can be better assured that the proper level of scrutiny is afforded these very important pieces of gear.

Never reviewed a CSM in the past? Here's a link to one, which will allow you to understand the type of information that's available:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:004244fe-2e3f-4494-a896-5fa8d9759f8b>

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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