

# ClassNK PSC Bulletin

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Title:

Closing Arrangements of Cargo Hatch Covers

Typical deficiency (outline of comment) by PSC:

Damage and/or Wastage of Securing Devices (Cleats) or Cleat Crutches of Cargo Hatch Covers

Port State

Country: All countries

Port: All ports

Action taken by PSC:

Detention

Rectify before Departure

Other

Description:

During recent PSC inspections, it has been frequently reported that PSC officers have pointed out deficiencies related to the securing devices of cargo hold hatch covers and hatch coamings (seizing/damage/missing cleats, damage/wastage of cleat crutches (saddles), etc.).

PSC officers often confirm not only the condition of the hatch cover gaskets but also the condition of the closing devices. When a defective condition like the above is found, it should be pointed out as a deficiency. Further, there is a possibility that the deficiency might lead to grounds for detention due to a judgement of a lack of SMS implementation.

Given the above situation, it is recommended that visual inspection and maintenance of securing devices between hatch covers and coamings, including crutches, should be carried out for all ships in your fleet at appropriate intervals.



Damaged rubber washer



Wastage/damage of securing device crutch