

JTSB Safety Recommendation to the Krey Schiffahrts GmbH & Co. KG (as the Management company of the vessel)

February 28, 2019

Marine Accident of Cargo vessel " ERIK " (Fatality of a crew member)
Occurred at the Mitsubishi Naoshima wharf,
Naoshima-cho, Kagawa Prefecture, Japan
on September 18, 2018

In view of the results of this accident investigation, the Japan Transport Safety Board recommends that Krey Schiffahrts GmbH & Co. KG, which is the Management company of the cargo vessel ERIK, takes the following measures for the purpose of preventing the occurrence of a similar accident and reducing damage.

1. Krey Schiffahrts GmbH & Co. KG should have the master of the ERIK supervise the crew members to certainly take preventive measures for fall accident in “the cleaning work of the upper hatch coaming of the cargo holds on the upper deck”.
2. The master of the ERIK and Designated Person Ashore of Krey Schiffahrts GmbH & Co. KG should implement the risk assessment of “the cleaning work of the upper hatch coaming of the cargo holds on the upper deck” on an individual work basis, and Krey Schiffahrts GmbH & Co. KG should take the necessary measures for the ERIK to prevent fall accidents by using a safety harness, etc. based on this assessment.
3. Krey Schiffahrts GmbH & Co. KG should have all the vessels operated by the Company observe the portable ladder guidelines in the chapter “WORK AT HEIGHT” of the “Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers”. On the other hand, Krey Schiffahrts GmbH & Co. KG should take other safety measures for all the vessels operated by the Company including changing the use of the portable ladder if it seems that it is difficult to conform to the portable ladder guidelines in the cleaning work.
4. Krey Schiffahrts GmbH & Co. KG should enhance monitoring of safety education that covers such as appropriately wearing a helmet in all the vessels operated by the Company.