

Occupational Health and Safety - National Maritime Safety Association

Marine Occupational Health & Safety (MOHS)

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JURISDICTION BETWEEN TRANSPORT CANADA AND LABOUR PROGRAM – FEDERALLY REGULATED WORKPLACES

Transport Canada

- Direct cargo operations related to loading and unloading vessels
- Operations on Canadian vessels

Labour Program

- Mooring activities
- Operations on the dock

IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPORT CANADA NEW MOHS DEDICATED TEAM

Re-align and modernize the MOHS program in order to :

- Deliver a program with OHS Subject Matter Expert resources in each region.
 - Enhance inspectorate presence in the field for awareness and educational activities to promote safer workplaces in the Marine Sector.
 - Enhance responses to reactive events to ensure the application and enforcement of Part II of the *Canada Labour Code*.

CARGO HOLDS AND CONFINED SPACE HAZARDS

- A ship's hold could be hazardous as it can be designed, constructed, or be in a location or contain an atmosphere, materials or substances, that can present hazards to those who enter.
- The potential dangers of cargo holds as confined spaces are already well known.

TC guidance document: [Guidance on Confined Spaces – Cargo hold \(canada.ca\)](#)

CCOHS poster: <https://www.ccohs.ca/products/posters/cargo-hold/>

SAFE ACCESS TO VESSEL

- Maritime industry, stevedoring companies and employees, have a shared responsibility to ensure equipment is stable, safe and efficient between vessel and shoreside.
- A Ship Safety Bulletin will be published offering guidance to large vessels as per international and national requirements when they are at quay side operating in Canadian waters.
- Small vessel stakeholders are encouraged to use this guidance, with CLC 124 and CSA 106, when they are evaluating the risk in their specific operations, and develop appropriate mitigation measures.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Spring 2023 CMAC meeting documents: [English - Google Drive](#)

TC MOHS new generic email box

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New TC MOHS Web Page

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/seafarer-certification/marine-occupational-health-safety>