

**Circular From LONDON****Date: 25 January 2018****Indonesia - Nickel Ore**

Members should take note of the following notice circulated by Intercargo concerning the increased risks associated with the carriage of Nickel Ore from Indonesia during the wet season:

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As you will all be aware it is currently the wet season in Indonesia (October to April), you may also be aware of the recent reports of heavy rain in Indonesia which has resulted in significant congestion at both loading and unloading ports in Asia.

The heavy rainfall increases the risk of Nickel Ore and other Group A cargoes (i.e. cargoes that may liquefy) being shipped with a Moisture Content (MC) above its Transportable Moisture Limit (TML). The transportation of Group A cargoes with a MC above its TML can lead to cargo failure (liquefaction/dynamic separation) with catastrophic results.

Additionally it has been brought to the INTERCARGO Secretariat's attention of a case, in Indonesia, where Nickel Ore has been misdeclared as Iron Ore.

In view of the above INTERCARGO respectfully reminds its Members to be especially cautious when accepting cargoes from Indonesia and the region during the wet season and times of heavy rainfall.

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The Club similarly advises such caution during the ongoing wet season.

Source of Information: London P&I Club