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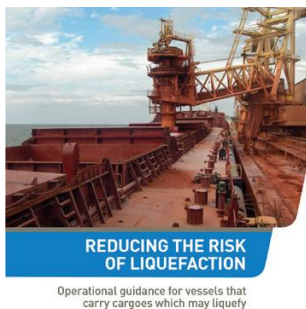
Loss of the *Emerald Star*

The loss of the bulk carrier *Emerald Star* on 13 October 2017 off the coast of the Philippines has again focused attention on cargo liquefaction. While the cause of the loss is not conclusive, various sources have suggested it is associated with liquefaction of her nickel ore cargo.

The cargo was loaded in Indonesia, and raises further concerns over the safety of cargoes of this nature which are loaded in Southeast Asia.

Members are encouraged to review with the Managers steps that might be considered to reduce the risk presented by this cargo before loading. Members are also reminded that Club cover may be affected if they do not comply with the requirements of the IMSBC Code.

In response to the continued losses internationally in connection with liquefied cargoes, the Club collaborated with Bureau Veritas and TMC Marine Consultants to produce the booklet “*Reducing the risk of liquefaction - Operational guidance for vessels that carry cargoes which may liquefy*”. (Click below picture)



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