

SAFETY ALERT

Unmanifested dangerous good loaded onto helicopter



Description of Process:

The incident occurred during crew change via helicopter.

Description of Incident:

During routine helicopter operations a helideck assistant picked up a case containing a water testing kit whilst back loading cargo onto the helicopter. This cargo was not destined for the helicopter and as such was not on the manifest. The heliport was advised of the error after the helicopter had left. It was later discovered that a small phial of liquid containing ethanol (15ml) was inside the case.

Good Practice Guidance:

Cargo for dispatch onto helicopter should be kept separate from all other items onboard.

All cargo for the flight must be labelled. Where possible this should include flight number and name.

Helideck landing officers should issue clear instructions to helideck assistants prior to flights regarding manifested cargo.