



READ AND SIGN

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LFI: Cargo Loading Supervision

Dear all,

During an arrival inspection of one of the BT flights departed from HAM, three units of Heavy Cargo (HER) were found not fully secured and correctly positioned, and auxiliary boards were not used to distribute the load. The deviation was not detected before departure, highlighting the importance of final verification and careful supervision during the turnaround process.

Key Lessons for Turnaround Coordinators

1. Preparation is Key

- Review the cargo manifest in advance and confirm that the information is accurate.
- Identify any heavy or special cargo on the flight.
- Familiarize yourself with the applicable loading procedures for heavy or special cargo.
- Do not rely solely on the cargo manifest—always perform a visual check when arriving on position to detect special loading requirements.
- Brief loaders on the special requirements for securing and positioning cargo.

2. Heavy and Special Cargo Requires Extra Attention

- Be aware that heavy and other special cargo types may require additional measures, such as:
 - Use of auxiliary boards to distribute floor loads
 - Ensuring flat positioning on the cargo floor
 - Proper restraint using nets, straps, or locks

3. Avoid Assumptions

- Do not rely solely on verbal confirmation from loaders. Verification should be visual and procedural, confirming that all required steps have been completed.

4. Verification is Critical

- Always perform a final visual check of the cargo compartment after heavy/special cargo loading is complete, regardless of assurances from loading personnel.
- Ensure that all heavy/special cargo units are secured, restrained, and correctly positioned according to aircraft load limitations and procedures.

Safety barriers exist for a reason – **your verification is the last line of defense** before departure!

Thank you!

Regards!