



HEALTH, SAFETY,
& ENVIRONMENTAL

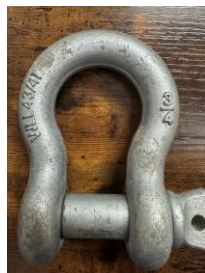


Alert #: SA 43-26

Date: July 9, 2026

LIFE Observation: Foreign-Made Shackles Found in Service

During a recent **LIFE Observation**, a GIS LIFE Representative identified Chinese-manufactured shackles being used during a lifting operation. Although no incident occurred, this finding represents a serious deviation from **GIS Rigging Policy, LLCP-105** and serves as an important reminder that all lifting gear must meet GIS standards before it is placed into service.



GIS Rigging Policy clearly states that only shackles manufactured to United States Federal Specifications are permitted for use. Foreign-made shackles are prohibited and must be removed from service immediately. Additionally, any shackle that is not American made, lacks a stamped Working Load Limit (WLL), or does not have the proper safety pin configuration shall not be used.

What You Need to Do:

- **Inspect all shackles before each use.**
- Verify the shackle is **American made** and manufactured to U.S. Federal Specifications.
- Ensure the **Working Load Limit (WLL)** is permanently stamped on the body.
- Confirm the correct safety pin is installed and fully secured, if so equipped.
- If there is any doubt about the origin, condition, or certification of a shackle, **remove it from service immediately** and notify your supervisor.

Remember

Every lift depends on the integrity of every component in the rigging system. A single substandard shackle can lead to dropped loads, equipment damage, serious injury, or a fatality. Rigging equipment must be inspected before each shift, defective equipment removed from service, and all employees have both the authority and obligation to stop work whenever unsafe conditions are identified.

- **If it's foreign-made, uncertified, or you're unsure—DON'T USE IT.**
- **Inspect It. Verify It. Remove It. Report It.**
- **When in doubt, Stop Work and ask. Safe lifts begin with the right rigging equipment.**

Proper use of the **GIS LIFE Processes** can help to create a **FAIL-SAFE** Work Environment.



SAFETY ALERT