

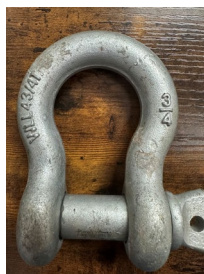


HEALTH, SAFETY,
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LIFE Observation: Foreign-Made Shackles Found in Service

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' updated Rigging Policy states that all shackles must meet the requirements of the latest edition of ASME B30.26 and Federal Specification RR-C-271D. Each shackle body and pin must be marked with raised and or stamped letters with the following information:

- Shackle body:
 - Manufacturer's trademark or logo
 - Rated load
 - Size
 - Identification code (for material traceability)
- Shackle pin:
 - Manufacturer's name or code
 - Identification code (for material traceability).

What You Need to Do:

- **Inspect all shackles before each use.**
- Verify the shackle meets all criteria above.
- 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 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.**

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