



HSE BULLETIN

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FAILED 'V & T' GRADE CHAIN SLINGS

The following is an update on HSE Bulletin issued 15/05/02 regarding Failed "V" grade chain slings.

The Woodside lifting standards are being re-issued.

Along with other minor revisions, the following new requirement regards sling surface coatings will take effect:

No zinc coated grade T or V sling sets to be used or procured (includes marinised, electroplated and galvanised) effective immediately. Note: Lower grade chain and/or fittings are not included in this restriction.

In order to facilitate a timely transition, lifting operations may continue under the following rule sets:

1. Replace sling sets
2. If a sling set is unable to be replaced immediately; the following inspection prior to it's next lift will permit use of the sling for one period of up to 42 calender days under an approved deviation:
 - Certified Visual Inspection (CVI) of every link in the sling to confirm absence of cracking by NATA certified person or as approved by OETS. Evidence of the inspection will be required prior to KBSB lift.
3. If a sling set is unable to be replaced immediately; the following inspection will permit use of the sling for up to 12 months under an approved deviation:
 - CVI and MPI of every link for cracking by NATA certified person or as approved by OETS. Evidence of the inspection will be required prior to KBSB lift.

Estimates to date indicate the cost of MPI testing will make replacement of the slings the most economic solution.

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