LOSS OF DECK CARGO

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ACTION (NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER)
Sound the general alarm, make PA announcement warning all personnel. Muster all crew
Switch on deck lighting at night
Calculate estimated quantity of cargo lost and from which location
Gather information for making a detailed assessment that will include but not be limited to: distribution of cargo, fuel, ballast, fresh water and other consumables or variable weights.
Check for excessive list
Check if vessels stability has been compromised and there is risk of capsize
Broadcast DISTRESS MESSAGE if ship is in grave and imminent danger and immediate assistance is required, otherwise broadcast an URGENCY MESSAGE
Alter course and reduce speed as required
Assess damage to ship structure
Consider retightening the cargo lashings if practical and weather permitting
Inform company, operators and charterers
Inform nearest coastal state
Inform ships in vicinity the position where cargo was lost
Inform terminal/port authorities if vessel is in port limits
Company will inform P&I club
Monitor weather and forecast
Consider heading to the nearest port or place of refuge
Request for assistance (Tug / salvage company as required)
Company will approach classification society or other experts for stability calculations if required
Maintain log/record of events and decisions taken
Take photographs of damages
Fill in CFM¹ incident report

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