

Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to address the issues that affect perception of the stevedoring personnel at ports towards the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), when handling cargo operations. Basically, the qualitative study based on the survey that includes the selected questions with the expected answers presented below will be distributed to employees of Port Doha on the permission of the directors of the company. The major objective is to find out the attitude of the stevedoring personnel towards the use of PPE, when working with the much hazardous environment that may cause major risks to health and safety. In this relation, the use of the present qualitative study will be the following: the evaluation of the attitude towards PPE will help to find out reasons why personnel neglect the safety rules on wearing PPE and how to improve it to address the needs of employees.

Question 1. What major problems occur, when you are handling cargo at the port?

I find it hard to manage heavy loads, and sometimes I don't have even the little chance to inspect cargo for its consistency and content of the package, so that it can be any hazardous resource materials there. In such cases, there may be major violations of cargo handling procedure, and I can hardly control the process, when I have little time to manage the situation.

Question 2. What is the reason of problematic situations you can face with at the port when handling the cargo operations?

As for me, it is hard to make decisions fast, when there is high overload with cargo packages at the port. For example, when me with other stevedoring employees are encouraged to do cargo handling very fast, we are hardly able to follow any safety rules to protect ourselves from being injured or getting into highly hazardous environment. The reason is that our team includes too little employees that are dedicated to the work with the

entire body and mind. To make the process faster, we often forget that we are only humans, even despite we have high physical strength.

Question 3. Do you feel safe at work in the port?

Not always and not that much. However, I have to confess that my overall health rate decreased significantly, since I have started to work in the Doha Port. I have lost conscious fear at heavy physical loads throughout my working hours. In fact, I work too much to give the better chance for my two children for the high educations. Sometimes I think that I am not aware of my safety, despite my understanding that I should be responsible for the financial situation for my family. This hard work is highly exhaustive, and I feel like I don't care much about safety, for even if I did, I would have done that much in just one working shift, and I know that I would have been paid well, in case if my company owners decided to hire more stevedoring personnel.

Question 4. Do you consider PPE to be the facilitating clothing to protect you when you are processing the cargo handling operations?

Yes, indeed, I suppose so, as PPE was designed to protect us from hazards and injures.

Question 5. Do you wear PPE when handling cargo?

As for me, I wear it in rare cases,

Question 6. Why don't you wear PPE?

In my opinion, the personal protective equipment designed by Port Doha is not much reliable to be used in the settings of the risks of hazardous equipment. In my practical situations, when I need to act very fast when handling heavy packs of cargo, it is good to know that I can work efficiently and I have reliable evidences that I can complete my work

within the set deadline, using as much of my effort that I have to work in this company. In most of cases that I experience to have when working at Port Doha, I face with troubles that are hard to endure. For instance, when wearing PPE, I have troubles feeling too much discomfort of the high pressure of the PPE wearing. It's a little bit uncomfortable, when, for example, the work should be done very fast, and there is high pressure of deadlines that I have to follow for the sake of the reliable work. It is when I need to get advantage of high payment advantage and when I need to support my colleagues, the stevedores who are in one joint with me. In most cases, I don't wear the PEE, specifically when it is high time to have y work done very well and when I feel the strain and pressing of time needed to fulfill my stevedoring task, I have to be much in hurry to accomplish the task as fastest I can, both physically and mentally. In fact, it is good to be protected, however, when I feel completely wrapped up with PPE, I have indeed too little capabilities to follow my work properly, addressing the needed issues that I should do for my work.

Question 7. Do your colleagues wear PPE? If not, why so?

I only know just a few my members of the team who wear PPE, but it is true as well that they are not fully satisfied with personal protection it grants them with. I know this based on their feedbacks on PPE that I am getting from my good friends. For example, when I am asking my friends on reasons why they do not wear PPE, they explain that they are not fully satisfied with protection it gives to them very well. They explain this viewpoint in the frameworks of radical negation of any protection it gives, when compared to disadvantages of PPE. Controversially, I feel like not satisfied with protective products provided by Port Doha. In this relation, I can easily explain the viewpoint on the use of PPE in the context of the need for safety. According to Fabiano, et al. (2010), these are too much of human errors that play a crucial role in the process of handling cargo. In maritime incidents human errors are about 82% of the overall rate of the failed operations. This can also be explained by the lack of safety measures, as related to the stevedoring. Developing this viewpoint, Hound (2015) pay

too much attention to the role of stevedores in shipping, specifically when related to organization activities and setting up good environment for employees. Talley (2013) is focused on the maritime safety and security in the frameworks of the increasing rates of piracy all over the globe. Concerning the safety measures that should be followed for much benefits organizational protection, PPE is a good measure to set up the valuable limits for the good care in relation to all who are employees in the Port of Doha. It is, however, understandable that even if PPE is used, it would be good to have chances to check up for the regular completion of the requirements for safety and enhancing the positive organizational climate of stevedores, while they are employed to handle cargo within the set timeframes. Therefore, the need for PPE is a must to be checked, as per the personal safety instructions.