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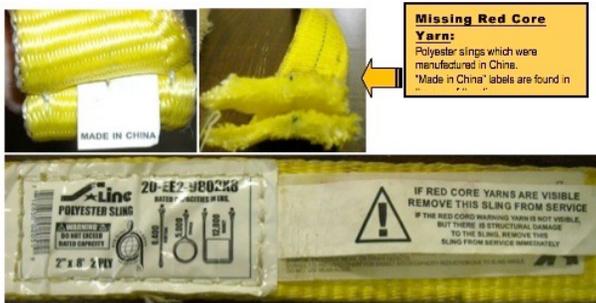
Rigging Safety Alert

All-lifts, Inc. Received this safety alert this week about some imported slings and felt we should pass this information along.

CHINESE POLYESTER SLINGS

A damaged polyester sling was discovered during a routine safety audit. The label indicated "If red core yarns are visible remove the sling from service".

Upon further inspection, the red core warning yarn was not present. Three similar slings were removed from service. None of these slings contained red core warning yarn as indicated on the labels. The supplier of these slings, cut six polyester slings. All six slings were missing the red core warning yarn. They removed this product from their inventory and will discontinue supplying slings made in China to vendors in the Charleston, SC region.



Missing Red Core Yarn:
Polyester slings which were manufactured in China. "Made in China" labels are found in

This is no surprise to All-lifts, Inc. as we have made our customers and students aware of the deception that has been going on for years

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When sling purchases are made solely on the basis of price the low bid option will always be the

successful bidder. Strategic alliance partners and large catalog supply companies who are driven by the obsession to be the successful low bidder, while maximizing profit margins will generally opt for a foreign option. There is nothing patently wrong with a foreign product as long as it meets the requirements of the purchaser.

What is patently wrong, illegal and immoral is when manufacturers and importers cut off the "Made in China" tags or a web sling is made in America with Chinese webbing, and the sling is not labeled, "Made in China". This is the legal requirement for the marking of the country of origin as detailed in 19 CFR 134.11

The red core yarn incident should send a strong signal which is emblematic of far more significant issues. This is only the tip of the proverbial iceberg and are you going to keep rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic?

- **Consider working with someone you know and trust.**
- **Consider working with someone that is your partner.**
- **Consider working with someone that is knowledgeable.**
- **Consider working with someone that provides 24/7/365 service.**
- **Consider working with someone that has technical expertise.**
- **Consider working with someone that is a problem solver.**
- **Consider working with a rigging supplier that has an audited quality management system.**

Safety Professionals at the Hanford test site had slings "sneak" into their facility from a large, domestic "catalog" supply company. We have provided training for them. They asked questions and it took the "catalog" supply company three weeks to admit the slings were Chinese products.

If you want to add some one to this mailer contact me at riggitt.tony@all-lifts.com or call 1-800-342-4188