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Discharging rice vessels in West Africa: a challenge but not a fate!

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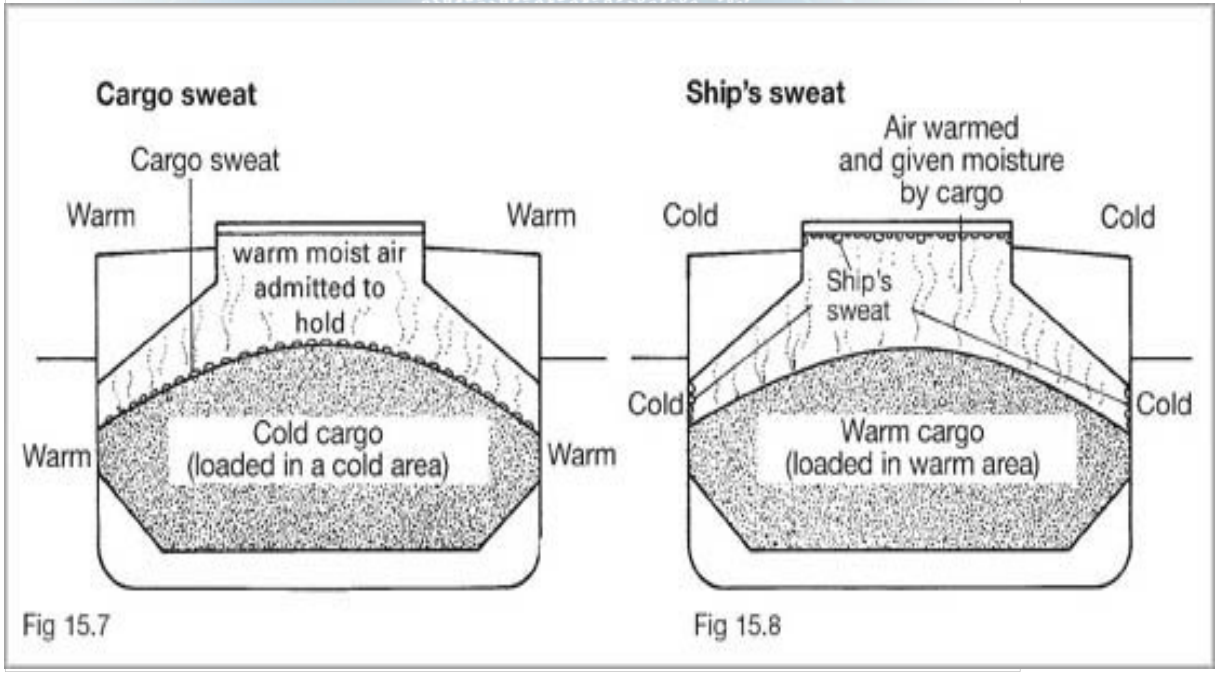
WET AND MOULDY BAGS

- Condensation
- Sea water damage
- Fresh water damage

SWEAT

- Source of moisture
- Cargo sweat
- Ship's sweat



VENTILATION

- To prevent the cargo sweat or ship's sweat
- To reduce heating of the cargo
- To remove hazardous gases
- Ventilation to be stopped with sea sprays

Fig. 15.1 Hold ventilator set into hatch panel

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PREVENTION OF WETTING

- Safe loading of cargoes and controls
- Moisture/T° content of rice to be checked
- Holds' bilges, drain channels clean and dry
- Hatchcovers' test
- Ventilation channels in the stow of 15-20 cm

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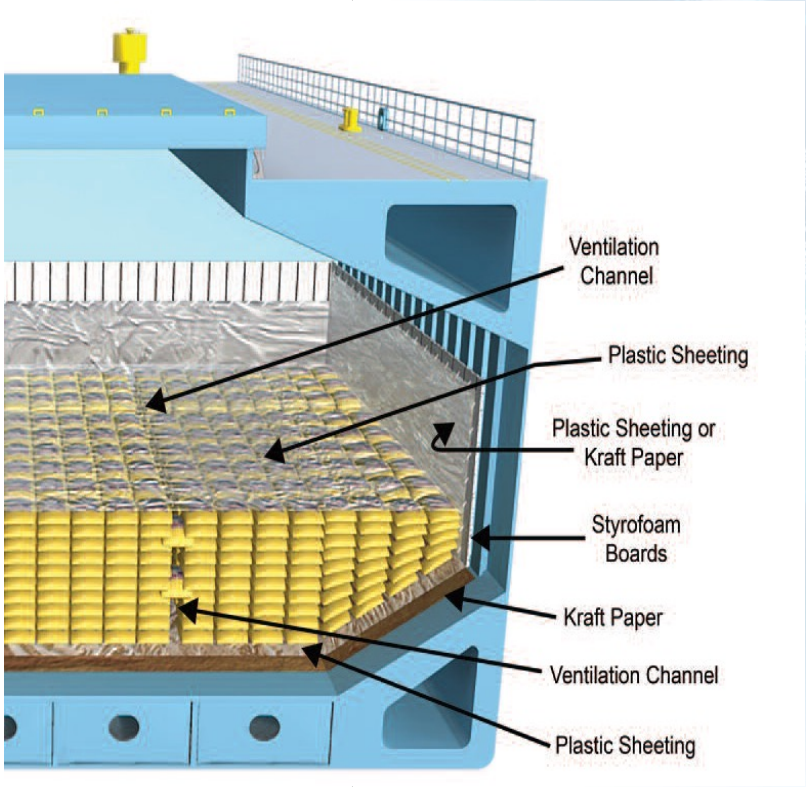
PROTECTIONS OF THE HOLDS



WET AND MOULDY BAGS

Mitigation of losses at discharge port:

- Silver nitrate test
- Record moisture content
- Issue letters of protest
- Taking measures to minimize the losses
- Immediate rebagging
- Proper segregation
- Calculate depreciation immediately

TORN AND EMPTY BAGS

Mitigation of losses:

- Use nets for discharging
- Discharging on pier and reloading in proper piles
- Supervise handling of the stevedores
- Weigh torn bags on the pier and calculate average loss percentage
- Immediate sorting and rebagging of torn bags
- In case rebagging is not possible, closed bags and store separately

PILFERAGE

Measures to be taken:

- Collect evidence
- Take pictures
- Delimitate the operational area and restrict the access to authorized persons only
- Issue protest letters
- Consider employing private security guards

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SHORTAGE CLAIMS

- How to prevent shortage claims?
  - Pre-loading survey
  - Tally at loading and discharge port
  - Invite all parties involved for tally
  - Cross-check tally reports with all parties involved
  - Appoint independent surveyors to supervise unsealing of cargo holds and perform draft surveys before discharging
  - Record all sweepings discharged and assist weighing operations
  - Joint survey to agree on depreciation for the sweepings

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SHORTAGE CLAIMS

- Tally – reporting recommendations:
  - Details and times of discharging per cargo hold
  - Number of tally men per hold and for each third party
  - Location of the tally men
  - Tally methods used
  - Whether third party tallies are carried out individually or for various parties at the same time