# Evaluation of port workers' general awareness of dangerous cargo transport: a Turkish port example

Eski, Özge; Tavacioglu, Leyla

Source / Izvornik: Pomorstvo, 2021, 35, 231 - 240

Journal article, Published version Rad u časopisu, Objavljena verzija rada (izdavačev PDF)

https://doi.org/10.31217/p.35.2.5

Permanent link / Trajna poveznica: https://urn.nsk.hr/urn:nbn:hr:187:461113

Rights / Prava: In copyright/Zaštićeno autorskim pravom.

Download date / Datum preuzimanja: 2024-07-11

Repository / Repozitorij:



Sveučilište u Rijeci, Pomorski fakultet University of Rijeka, Faculty of Maritime Studies

Repository of the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Maritime Studies - FMSRI Repository





# Multidisciplinary SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL OF MARITIME RESEARCH



University of Rijeka FACULTY OF MARITIME STUDIES Multidisciplinarni znanstveni časopis POMORSTVO

https://doi.org/10.31217/p.35.2.5

# Evaluation of port workers' general awareness of dangerous cargo transport: a Turkish port example

## Özge Eski, Leyla Tavacioglu

Istanbul Technical University, Faculty of Maritime, Department of Basic Sciences, ITU Tuzla Campus, Postane Neighborhood, Tuzla 34940 İstanbul, Turkey, e-mail: eski16@itu.edu.tr; tavaciog@itu.edu.tr

#### ABSTRACT

The International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code training is mandatory for all shoreside personnel involved in the handling and transport of dangerous cargoes by sea. This study aims to measure and evaluate the port workers' dangerous cargo transport general awareness level. For this purpose, the "Dangerous Cargo Transport General Awareness Questionnaire" was developed and applied to trained 100 port workers face-to-face. The questionnaire was proven to be valid and reliable by content validity, construct validity, internal consistency reliability, and testretest reliability analyses. Four factors were determined as a result of Explanatory Factor Analysis. Discriminant analyses were performed using the Student's t-test and One Way ANOVA test. Pearson correlation analysis was carried out to determine the relationship between factors. Simple linear regression analysis was used for modeling the relationship between factors. SPSS 24.0 was utilized to conduct the analyses. According to analysis results, port workers' dangerous cargo transport general awareness does not differ depending on age, position, and education. There is a weak positive or a moderate positive correlation between factors. Port workers have an average and above-average level of general awareness. It is highlighted that increasing this level is possible by increasing the frequency of dangerous cargo transport training. Suggestions are offered for more effective training.

#### ARTICLE INFO

Preliminary communication Received 11 May 2021 Accepted 8 September 2021

#### Key words:

Dangerous cargo Awareness Marine accident Port worker IMDG Code

### **1** Introduction

Maritime transport offers a lower-cost solution for transporting large quantities over longer distances than other transport modes [1]. Due to the advantages it provides, maritime transport constitutes at least 80% of the world's transport [2]. Approximately 2000 dangerous goods are carried by maritime transport in packaged or bulk form [3]. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) defines dangerous goods as any subject or material that may be harmful to humans, property, and the environment. Dangerous goods are classified according to their physical and chemical properties. The United Nations (UN) divides dangerous goods into nine classes: explosives, gases, flammable liquids, flammable solids, oxidizing substances and organic peroxides, toxic and infectious substances, radioactive substances, corrosive substances, and miscellaneous dangerous substances, respectively [4].

As in other transport modes, accidents may occur during maritime dangerous cargo transport. These accidents may result in death, serious injury, evacuation, loss of property, deterioration in the marine environment, and disruption to marine traffic [4]. Ports provide a range of services for dangerous cargoes [5]. Considering the proximity of ports to settlements, dangerous cargo accidents in ports have much more devastating consequences [6,7].

Human error is the primary contributing cause of dangerous cargo-induced maritime accidents [8-11]. It is the most common cause of numerous dangerous cargo accidents in ports [12]. Preventing these accidents that occur in ports or overcoming them with the least damage can be possible by increasing the dangerous cargo awareness of port workers [13]. Many studies conducted a risk assessment for dangerous cargo handling ports [14-20]. In some studies, dangerous cargo accidents in ports were analyzed, and factors contributing to these accidents were deter-

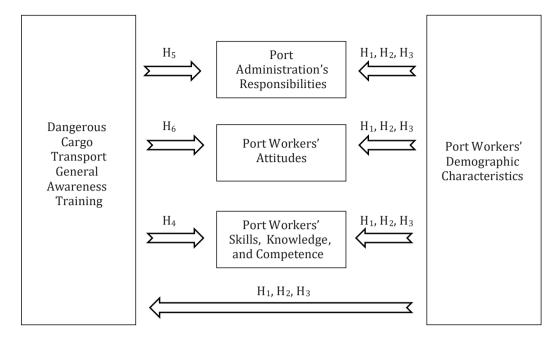


Figure 1 Theoretical framework model of the research

Source: Authors

mined [3,8,21,22]. There is no previous study on dangerous cargo awareness of port workers.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is the main rule maker on maritime issues and aims to provide standardization in international maritime transport with conventions, codes, resolutions, circulars, and guidelines. Maritime dangerous cargo transport is one of the issues that the IMO gives utmost importance. The IMO developed the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code to increase maritime safety by setting standards for the packaged dangerous cargo transport [23,24]. Employees working in maritime packaged dangerous cargo transport must comply with the IMDG Code rules. For this reason, employees need to be trained [25]. From 1 January 2010, IMDG Code training became compulsory. In accordance with IMDG Code Chapter 1.3, workers in ports where dangerous cargoes covered by the IMDG Code are handled should also be subject to this training and certified [26].

There are three types of training given to port workers involved in operations related to dangerous cargoes covered by the IMDG Code. Dangerous cargo transport general awareness training, as stated in Section 1.3.1.2.1 of the IMDG Code, includes classification, packaging, marking, labeling, placarding, handling, stowage, carriage, storage, segregation, survey or inspection, legal requirements, and general damages of dangerous cargoes. Function-specific training, as stated in Section 1.3.1.2.2 of the IMDG Code, is detailed training on the safe handling of dangerous cargoes, taking into account the function of port workers. Safety training, as stated in Section 1.3.1.2.3 of the IMDG Code, is training on accident avoidance methods, preventing exposure to dangers, and emergency response procedures [26].

This study aims to measure and evaluate the dangerous cargo transport general awareness of port workers. For this purpose, a dangerous cargo transport general awareness questionnaire was developed and applied to the port workers.

This paper was divided into four sections. In the introduction section, the aim and necessity of the study are explained. In the materials and methods section, the theoretical framework model of the study is given, and the data collection process and the statistical method are explained. In the third section, results are introduced. In the last section, the results are discussed, and suggestions are offered for more effective training.

#### 2 Materials and methods

#### 2.1 Theoretical framework

The relational screening model, one of the quantitative research methods, has been used to design the study. It is used to determine the existence and degree of the relationship between more than one variable through statistical analysis such as t-test, analysis of variance, correlation, and regression analysis [27].

The theoretical framework reveals the relationship between factors assumed to be associated with the research question [28]. It has been used to determine the factors that affect port workers' general awareness of dangerous cargo transport and the relationship between these factors. Figure 1 shows the theoretical framework model developed for this study. Four factors have been identified that are assumed to affect port workers' general awareness of dangerous cargo transport [29-31]. These are dangerous cargo transport general awareness training, port administration's responsibilities, port workers' attitudes, and port workers' skills, knowledge, and competence. The impact of demographics on factors and the relationship between factors have been examined with hypotheses.

#### 2.2 Data collection and sample

The participants of the study were port workers consisting of laborers, operators, and foremen. They were carrying on their duties in the same port in Istanbul province. This port provided dangerous cargo handling services. Dangerous cargo transport general awareness training was given to 107 port workers. Considering the number of port workers who received training, the sample size was calculated as 84 with a 95% confidence level and 5% error using the Raosoft online calculator. A questionnaire was designed to collect data. The designed questionnaire was conducted face to face among 100 port workers selected using simple random sampling. The final form of the questionnaire consisted of two parts. The first part included demographic questions. The second part included dangerous cargo transport general awareness level measuring items. While the number of demographic questions was 5, the number of items measuring general awareness was 33. These 33 items were on a 5-point Likert scale type. The choices ranged from 1: Strongly Disagree to 5: Strongly Agree. Table 1 shows the option limits determined by assuming that the items were at equal intervals (N-1/N =4/5 = 0.80) [32].

#### 2.3 Statistical analysis

SPSS-V.24 (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) was used to carry out the data analysis. Descriptive statistics were calculated for categorical variables (N, %). The validity of the questionnaire is related to the power to get answers appropriate to the research subject [33]. For validity analysis, content and construct validity were tested. Content validity is the degree to which the whole questionnaire and each item of it serve the research purpose [34]. The opinions of 11 experts were asked to ensure content validity using the Davis technique. Experts scored items based on A: The item represents the feature, B: The item needs some correction, C: The item needs quite a correction, and D: The item does not represent the feature. Item-level content validity index (I-CVI) was calculated for each item by proportioning the number of experts ticking A and B to the total number of experts. Items were sufficient in terms of content validity (I-CVI> 0.80). The content validity index of the overall question-

Table	10	ption	limits
-------	----	-------	--------

Answer Codes	Limits	Options
1	1.00-1.80	Unawareness
2	1.81-2.60	Low level of awareness
3	2.61-3.40	The average level of awareness
4	3.41-4.20	Good level of awareness
5	4.21-5.00	High level of awareness

Source: [32]

naire (S-CVI) was obtained by calculating the average of all items' I-CVIs [35]. Construct validity determines which concepts or features the questionnaire measures. Exploratory factor analysis (EFA) with Varimax rotation was conducted for construct validity. Factors were explored based on the relationships between observed variables [36]. Primarily, Kaiser Meyer Olkin's measure of sampling adequacy and Barlett's sphericity test were used as pre-tests to confirm the adequacy of the sample size for EFA. The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) value was 0.881 and Barlett's sphericity test was significant with a p-value of <0.001. So, data was found appropriate for conducting EFA [37]. Bartlett's sphericity test also showed the suitability of the data for multiple normal distributions [38]. Eigenvalues-greater-than-1 rule and explanatory percentage of total variance were used to decide the number of factors.

The reliability of the questionnaire is related to the power of the survey application to give similar results if it is repeated in the same ways. The questionnaire was applied again three weeks after the first application to determine the reliability [39].

For reliability analysis, the internal consistency coefficient, test-retest coefficient, and item-total correlations were calculated. Cronbach's alpha coefficient was used to evaluate internal reliability. Test-retest reliability was measured using the Pearson correlation coefficient. Itemtotal correlations for the 33 items were calculated with item analysis.

Discriminant analyses were performed. The effect of education level on port workers' general awareness of dangerous cargo transport was evaluated using the Student's t-test. One Way ANOVA test was used for the comparison of more than two independent and normally distributed variables. The effect of position and age level on port workers' general awareness of dangerous cargo transport was evaluated using the One Way ANOVA test.

In the context of the theoretical framework model of the research, correlation and regression analyses were applied. Pearson correlation analysis was carried out to determine the relationship between factors. Simple linear regression analysis was used for modeling the relationship between factors.

		Ν	%
Gender	Male	100	100.0
	31-40	6	6.0
Age (years)	41-50	61	61.0
	51 and older	33	33.0
Education	Primary school	72	72.0
	High school	28	28.0
	Laborer	67	67.0
Position	Operator	28	28.0
	Foreman	5	5.0
	1-4	2	2.0
Experience in this port (years)	13-16	1	1.0
	16 and over	97	97.0

Table 2 Demographic characteristics of the port workers (N=100)

Source: Authors

Table 3 Rotation sums of squared factor loadings

	Eigenvalue	Percent Variance	Cumulative %
Factor 1	7.911	23.973	23.973
Factor 2	5.642	17.096	41.069
Factor 3	5.015	15.198	56.267
Factor 4	4.598	14.099	70.366

Source: Authors

#### **3 Results**

Table 2 shows the demographic characteristics of 100 port workers. All of them are male, and the majority of them are between the ages of 41 and 50 years old (N=61, 61.0%), graduate from primary school (N=72, 72.0%), serve as laborers (N=67, 67.0%), and have experience of 16 years and more in this port (N=97, 97%).

The content validity of the questionnaire was confirmed by S-CVI= 0.97. It shows that the questionnaire has an appropriate sample of items for measuring port workers' general awareness of dangerous cargo transport. The results of the KMO measure of sampling adequacy (KMO= 0.881) and Barlett's sphericity test (p< 0.001) indicated that the sample size was suitable for EFA. Moreover, applying 33 items to a sample of 100 people (100:33; 3:1 ratio) is suitable for EFA. It was determined as a result of EFA that the eigenvalues of the 4 factors were greater than 1. The contribution of these 4 factors to the total variance was 70.4% (>50%). Table 3 shows the explanatory total variance.

According to EFA, the questionnaire consisted of 4 subscales. Table 4 shows the factor pattern and the factor load values of the items. The first factor includes  $15^{\text{th}}-25^{\text{th}}$  items. The second factor includes  $26^{\text{th}}-33^{\text{rd}}$  items. The third factor includes  $1^{st}-8^{th}$  items. The fourth factor includes  $9^{th}-14^{th}$  items.

The factors were named as follows:

Factor 1: Worker's Skills, Knowledge, and Competence (11 items)

Factor 2: Dangerous Cargo Training (8 items)

Factor 3: Administration's Responsibility (8 items)

Factor 4: Worker's Attitudes (6 items)

The internal consistency of sub-dimensions was between 0.91 and 0.96, while the test-retest reliability was between 0.78 and 0.80. Item-total correlations ranged from 0.377 (q11) to 0.736 (q25). Items were well discriminating. For the whole questionnaire, Cronbach's alpha coefficient is 0.948, and the test-retest Pearson correlation coefficient is 0.810, so the reliability of the questionnaire was acceptable. "Dangerous Cargo Transport General Awareness Questionnaire" was proven to be valid and reliable by analyses. The original language of the questionnaire is Turkish.

The average of a factor is equal to the average of all items in that factor. Awareness levels are evaluated according to option limits in Table 1. Table 5 shows the factor averages and the port workers' awareness level. Skills, knowledge, and competence awareness of port workers is at an average level. Dangerous cargo training awareness of port workers is at a good level. Port workers have an average level of awareness of the administration's responsibility. The attitudes awareness of port workers is at a high level.

The effects of demographic variables on factors were examined. Discriminant analyses were carried out to discuss three hypotheses.

Hypothesis 1 ( $H_1$ ): There is a statistically significant difference between educational status and general awareness factors.

#### Table 4 Rotational component matrix

Items	ems Components		onents			
		Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4		
q21. I know about the cargo marking application.	0.875					
q16. I can subclass the dangerous cargo classes.	0.856					
q20. I know about the dangerous cargo placarding system.	0.855					
q19. I know about the dangerous cargo labeling system.	0.852					
q22. I know about the stowing and segregation of dangerous cargoes.	0.815					
q24. I know about the packaging of dangerous cargoes.	0.790					
q23. I know about the dangerous cargo transport documents.	0.789					
q17. I know the characteristics of dangerous cargoes handled in the port.	0.771					
q18. I recognize the danger signs related to dangerous cargoes.	0.744					
q15. I can classify dangerous cargoes.	0.733					
q25. I know about the general damages of dangerous cargoes.	0.544					
q31. Written materials are used for the training provided.		0.852				
q32. Visual materials are used for the training provided.		0.817				
q30. There has been a change in my behavior after the training provided.		0.813				
q33. Audio materials are used for the training provided.		0.809				
q29. The outcomes of the training provided are measured.		0.772				
q27. The duration of the training provided is sufficient.		0.727				
q26. The training provided is suitable for the worker's job description and field of work.		0.712				
q28. The frequency of the training provided is sufficient.		0.627				
q2. Port workers working with dangerous cargoes in the port are inspected.			0.861			
q1. Job descriptions of the workers working with dangerous cargoes in the port are made.			0.848			
q3. The decisions taken and the rules set by the port administration on dangerous cargoes are notified.			0.802			
q5. The placards on the cargo transport units containing dangerous cargoes are checked.			0.744			
q4. The list of dangerous cargoes in the port area is kept and shared.			0.722			
q7. Dangerous cargo emergency arrangements are made.			0.683			
q6. The dangerous cargo operation area is safe.			0.601			
q8. Port workers are encouraged to comply with the rules regarding dangerous cargoes.			0.562			
q10. I comply with the health and safety signs in the dangerous cargo operation area.				0.882		
q13. I follow the personal protective equipment usage instructions.				0.818		
q14. I think that dangerous cargo accidents are preventable.				0.815		
q11. I report dangerous cargo accidents to my superiors.				0.800		
q12. I wear protective clothing according to the physical and chemical properties of the dangerous cargoes.				0.790		
q9. I act according to the dangerous cargo rules.				0.753		
Rotation method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization						

Source: Authors

Table 5 Factor averages and awareness levels

Factors	Average Values	Awareness Levels
Factor 1	3.30	The average level of awareness
Factor 2	3.45	Good level of awareness
Factor 3	3.16	The average level of awareness
Factor 4	4.26	High level of awareness

Hypothesis 2 (H $_2$ ): There is a statistically significant difference between age and general awareness factors.

Hypothesis 3 ( $H_3$ ): There is a statistically significant difference between position and general awareness factors.

Table 6 shows the findings on the relationship between demographic variables and general awareness factors. There is no statistically significant difference between demographic variables and general awareness factors with a 95% confidence level. Hypotheses are rejected.

		Educational Status		
Factors	Test Type	t	р	Result
Factor 1		1.957	0.303	
Factor 2		0.453	0.489	Rejection of
Factor 3	the Student's t-test	0.022	0.164	hypothesis 1
Factor 4		0.338	0.411	
		Age		
Factors	Test Type	F	р	Result
Factor 1		0.436	0.648	
Factor 2	One Mar ANOVA test	0.970	0.383	Rejection of
Factor 3	One Way ANOVA test	3.177	0.056	hypothesis 2
Factor 4		0.429	0.652	
		Position		
Factors	Test Type	F	р	Result
Factor 1		0.995	0.373	
Factor 2		0.583	0.560	Rejection of
Factor 3	One Way ANOVA test	1.374	0.258	hypothesis 3
Factor 4		0.482	0.619	

Table 6 Findings in discriminant analyses

Source: Authors

Table 7 Correlation between factors

Factors	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4		
Factor 1	1.000					
Factor 2	0.623**	1.000				
Factor 3	0.317**	0.417**	1.000			
Factor 4	0.248*	0.249*	0.470**	1.000		
*p<0.05, **p<0.01						

Source: Authors

Pearson correlation analysis was utilized to determine the relationship between factors. Table 7 shows the correlation analysis results. There is a weak positive statistical correlation between worker's skills, knowledge, and competence and worker's attitudes. So, while the worker's skills, knowledge, and competence increasing, the worker's attitudes will be getting better. There is a weak positive statistical correlation between dangerous cargo training and worker's attitudes. As the worker receives dangerous cargo training, the worker's attitude will be getting better.

There is a moderate positive statistical correlation between dangerous cargo training and worker's skills, knowledge, and competence. As the worker receives dangerous cargo training, the worker's skills, knowledge, and competence will be getting better.

There is a moderate positive statistical correlation between dangerous cargo training and the administration's responsibility. As the worker receives dangerous cargo training, the worker's awareness of the administration's responsibility will be getting better. There is a moderate positive statistical correlation between worker's skills, knowledge, and competence and the administration's responsibility. So, while the worker's skills, knowledge, and competence increasing, the worker's awareness of the administration's responsibility will be getting better. There is a moderate positive statistical correlation between the administration's responsibility and worker's attitudes. So, while the awareness of the administration's responsibility increase, the worker's attitudes will be getting better.

Simple linear regression was performed to model the relationship between the independent variable (dangerous cargo training) and dependent variables (worker's skills, knowledge, and competence, administration's responsibility, worker's attitudes). Hypotheses were discussed.

Hypothesis 4 ( $H_4$ ): Dangerous cargo training has a statistically significant effect on the worker's skills, knowledge, and competence.

Hypothesis 5 ( $H_5$ ): Dangerous cargo training has a statistically significant effect on the worker's awareness of the administration's responsibility.

Hypothesis 6 ( $H_6$ ): Dangerous cargo training has a statistically significant effect on the worker's attitudes.

Table 8 shows the simple linear regression analysis results. There is a statistically significant positive linear relationship between dangerous cargo training on the one hand and worker's skills, knowledge and competence, the administration's responsibility, and worker's attitudes (p<0.05) on the other.

Model	Unstandardized β	Standard Deviation	Standardized Beta	t	р
1 Constant	1.031	0.298		3.459	0.001
Dangerous Cargo Training	0.658	0.083	0.623	7.886	< 0.001
2 Constant	1.657	0.343		4.837	< 0.001
Dangerous Cargo Training	0.436	0.096	0.417	4.548	< 0.001
3 Constant	3.419	0.340		10.058	< 0.001
Dangerous Cargo Training	0.242	0.095	0.249	2.548	0.012

Table 8 Regression analysis

Source: Authors

Simple linear regression formula was expressed for each relationship:

Worker's skills, knowledge and competence	=	1.031	+	0.658	*	Dangerous cargo training	(1)
Administration's responsibility	=	1.657	+	0.436	*	Dangerous cargo training	(2)
Worker's attitudes	=	3.419	+	0.242	*	Dangerous cargo training	(3)

When the effect of dangerous cargo training increases by a unit, the worker's skills, knowledge, and competence increase by 0.658 units. 38.8% (R<sup>2</sup>=0.388) of the worker's skills, knowledge, and competence change is explained by dangerous cargo training. When the effect of dangerous cargo training increases by a unit, the worker's awareness of the administration's responsibility increases by 0.436 units. The change of 17.4% (R<sup>2</sup>=0.174) in the worker's awareness of the administration's responsibility is explained by dangerous cargo training. When the effect of dangerous cargo training increases by a unit, worker's attitudes increase by 0.242 units. Worker's attitudes change of 6.2% (R<sup>2</sup>=0.062) is explained by dangerous cargo training. Low R<sup>2</sup> indicates the variability of data and deviations from the fitted line. This does not mean that the predictors and model will not be significant. As can be seen from Table 8, the predictors are statistically significant at the 5% significance level. So, hypotheses are accepted.

#### 4 Discussion and conclusions

Ports serve dangerous cargoes with different hazard characteristics and degrees of danger. Preventing dangerous cargo accidents occurred in ports or overcoming them with minimal damage is critical. At this point, port workers' awareness of dangerous cargo transport comes to the fore. This awareness is created by dangerous cargo training. IMDG Code training is compulsory and consists of three types of training. Dangerous cargo transport general awareness training is one of them and includes general issues related to dangerous cargo transport. This study seeks to measure and evaluate the dangerous cargo transport general awareness of trained workers working in a port where dangerous cargoes are handled.

The findings of this study reveal that the port workers' dangerous cargo transport general awareness does not differ depending on age, position, and education. The result is not surprising when considering their work does not require creativity. Due to the demographic characteristics of the port workers participating in the study, it could not be determined whether port workers' general awareness differs depending on gender and experience. The maritime sector is male-dominated. In addition, port workers have been working at the same port for many years. In this study, port workers have an average and above-average level of general awareness. Increasing this level is possible by increasing the frequency of dangerous cargo training. Training provided should be appropriate to the position and educational status of port workers. It would be appropriate to support training with on-thejob training to make it more efficient. Training outcomes should be measured and evaluated precisely. Port administration should take the necessary precautions for dangerous cargo, prepare port workers for dangerous cargo emergencies and provide refresher training at regular intervals.

The findings of this study indicate that there is a weak positive or a moderate positive correlation between factors. Especially, dangerous cargo training will enable the port workers to develop their skills, knowledge, and competence and hence naturally help to increase their job safety. Besides this training will also mold their attitudes and help them to achieve better cooperation within the port [30,31]. It should be emphasized that a statistically significant effect does not mean a significant dependency in the linear regression method. So, dangerous cargo training has a relatively significant effect on the worker's skills, knowledge, and competence, the worker's awareness of the administration's responsibility, and the worker's attitudes.

Dangerous cargo transport general awareness training is an issue that both port administrations and workers should take seriously. After the training received by the port workers participating in this study, the port administration has observed that dangerous cargo accidents in the port have tended to decrease. It is not surprising when considering there is a direct connection between worker training and accident rates. Worker training is effective in reducing accidents [40-44].

Port workers' dangerous cargo transport general awareness is handled in this study for the first time. Furthermore, this study is valuable for bringing the "Dangerous Cargo Transport General Awareness Questionnaire" to the literature. This questionnaire appears to have good reliability and validity and is a good instrument for assessing port workers' general awareness of dangerous cargo transport.

It is a definite limitation that this study lacks revealing the correlation between port workers' general awareness and frequency of accidents. It is considered that this study will serve as a base for future research.

The short form of the "Dangerous Cargo Transport General Awareness Questionnaire" is shown in the Appendix.

**Funding:** The research presented in the manuscript did not receive any external funding.

**Author Contributions:** Both authors contributed equally to each part of the study.

#### References

- [1] Cunha, I., Moreira, S., Santos, M.M. (2015). "Review on hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) involved in marine spill incidents – An online database". Journal of Hazardous Materials, Vol. 285, pp. 509–516. DOI: 10.1016/j. jhazmat.2014.11.005.
- [2] Schnurr, R.E., Walker, T.R. (2019). "Marine Transportation and Energy Use". In Reference Module in Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences. Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Elsevier. https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-409548-9.09270-8.
- [3] Häkkinen, J., Posti, A. (2015). "Port Accidents Involving Hazardous Substances Based on FACTS Database Analysis". Proceedings of the Thirty-eight AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response, pp. 372–384. Vancouver, Canada, June 2-4.
- [4] Erkut, E., Tjandra, S.A., Verter, V. (2007). "Chapter 9 Hazardous Materials Transportation". Handbooks in Operations Research and Management Science, Vol. 14, pp. 539–621. DOI: 10.1016/S0927-0507(06)14009-8.
- [5] Hossain, T., Adams, M., Walker, T.R. (2021). "Role of sustainability in global seaports". Ocean & Coastal Management, Vol. 202, 105435. DOI: 10.1016/j.ocecoaman.2020.105435.
- [6] Widmar, P., Perkovic, M., Gucma, L., Lazuga, K. (2020). "Risk Assessment of Moored and Passing Ships". Applied Sciences, Vol. 10, No. 19, 6825. DOI: 10.3390/app10196825.
- [7] Martino, A., Fatiguso, F., De Tommasi, G., Casal, J. (2017). "Accidental Impacts on Historical and Architectural Heritage in Port Areas: The Case of Brindisi". International Journal of Architectural Heritage, Vol. 11, No. 2, pp. 219–228. DOI: 10.1080/15583058.2016.1204486.

- [8] Chen, J., Di, Z., Shi, J., Shu, Y., Wan, Z., Song, L., Zhang, W. (2020). "Marine oil spill pollution causes and governance: A case study of Sanchi tanker collision and explosion". Journal of Cleaner Production, Vol. 273, 122978. DOI: 10.1016/j. jclepro.2020.122978.
- [9] Ellis, J. (2011). "Analysis of accidents and incidents occurring during transport of packaged dangerous goods by sea". Safety Science, Vol. 49, No. 8-9, pp. 1231–1237. DOI: 10.1016/j.ssci.2011.04.004.
- [10] Mullai, A., Larsson, E. (2008). "Hazardous Material Incidents: Some Key Results of a Risk Analysis". WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs, Vol. 7, pp. 65–108. DOI: 10.1007/ BF03195126.
- [11] Stirling, A.G. (1969). "Prevention of Pollution by Oil and Hazardous Materials in Marine Operations". International Oil Spill Conference Proceedings, Vol. 1, pp. 47–53. https:// doi.org/10.7901/2169-3358-1969-1-47.
- [12] Ots, T. (2000). "Transport and handling of dangerous cargoes in port areas: weaknesses of existing international and Estonian regulations". World Maritime University Dissertations, 243. http://commons.wmu.se/all\_dissertations/243.
- [13] Emad, G. (2015). "Study of the Effectiveness of Trainings for Port Logistics Workers in Improving the Safety Level of Ports (Case study: Chabahar Port, Iran)". Journal of Maritime Research, Vol. 12, No. 3, pp. 105–109. ISSN: 1697-4040.
- [14] Huang, C., Bai, Y., Lu, L. (2020). "Hazard Analysis and Quantitative Risk Assessment of Port Operation for Dangerous Goods Container". IOP Conference Series Materials Science and Engineering, Vol. 780, 072027. DOI:10.1088/1757-899X/780/7/072027.
- [15] Huang, C., Bai, Y., Lu, L. (2020). "Quantitative Risk Assessment of Dangerous Goods Container Port". IOP Conference Series Earth and Environmental Science, Vol. 580, 012094. DOI: 10.1088/1755-1315/580/1/012094.
- [16] Chen, Z., Fan, H., Gao, Y., Xia, Q., Tang, H., Zhou, Y. "A Case of Quantitative Risk Assessment of Dangerous Goods Container Yard in Chinese Port". Probabilistic Safety Assessment and Management (PSAM14), Los Angeles, CA, 16-21 September 2018.
- [17] Chu, G., Lyu, G. "Critical Assessment on Dangerous Goods Storage Container Yard of Port: Case Study of LPG Tank Container". 2018 IEEE International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management (IEEM), Bangkok, Thailand, 16-19 December 2018.
- [18] Lindøe, P.H., Kringen, J. (2015). "Risk governance of hazardous industrial ports and areas: a case study of industrial areas and harbors in Norway". Journal of Risk Research, Vol. 18, No. 7, pp. 931–946. DOI: 10.1080/ 13669877.2015.1017829.
- [19] Pastorino, R., Vairo, T., Benvenuto, A., Fabiano, B. (2014). "Area Risk Analysis in an Urban Port: Personnel and Major Accident Risk Issues". Chemical Engineering Transactions, Vol. 36, pp. 343–348. DOI: 10.3303/CET1436058.
- [20] Ronza, A., Carol, S., Espejo, V., Vilchez, J.A., Arnaldos, J. (2006). "A quantitative risk analysis approach to port hydrocarbon logistics". Journal of Hazardous Materials, Vol. 128, No. 1, pp. 10–24. DOI: 10.1016/j.jhazmat.2005.07.032.
- [21] Chen, J., Zheng, H., Wei, L., Wan, Z., Ren, R., Li, J., Li, H., Bian, W., Gao, M., Bai, Y. (2020). "Factor diagnosis and future governance of dangerous goods accidents in China's port". Environmental Pollution, Vol. 257, 113582. DOI: 10.1016/j. envpol.2019.113582.

- [22] Zhou, L., Fu, G., Xue, Y. (2017). "Human and organizational factors in Chinese hazardous chemical accidents: A case study of '8.12'Tianjin Port fire and explosion using the HFACS-HC". International Journal of Occupational Safety and Ergonomics: JOSE, Vol. 24, No. 3, pp. 329–340. DOI: 10.1080/10803548.2017.1372943.
- [23] Walker, T.R., Adebambo, O., Del Aguila Feijoo M.C., Elhaimer, E., Hossain, T., Edwards, S.J., Morrison, C.E., Romo, J., Sharma, N., Taylor, S., Zomorodi, S. (2019). "Chapter 27 – Environmental Effects of Marine Transportation". World Seas: An Environmental Evaluation (Second Edition), Volume III: Ecological Issues and Environmental Impacts, pp. 505–530, Academic Press. DOI: 10.1016/B978-0-12-805052-1.00030-9.
- [24] Galierikova, A., Sosedova, J. (2018). "Intermodal Transportation of Dangerous Goods". Naše more, Vol. 65, No. 3 – Supplement, pp. 8–11. DOI: 10.17818/NM/2018/3.8.
- [25] Popek, M. (2019). "Factors influencing on the environment during hazardous goods transportation by the sea". IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science, Vol. 214, No. 1, 012052. DOI: 10.1088/1755-1315/214/1/ 012052.
- [26] IMO, 2018. "International Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code)". IMO Publishing, London. ISBN: 9789280116823, ISBN: 9789280131574.
- [27] Karasar, N. (2020). "Bilimsel Araştırma Yöntemi: Kavramlar İlkeler Teknikler". Ankara: Nobel Publishing. ISBN: 9786055426583.
- [28] Lederman, N.G., Lederman, J.S. (2015). "What Is a Theoretical Framework? A Practical Answer". Journal of Science Teacher Education, Vol. 26, No. 7, pp. 593–597. DOI: 10.1007/s10972-015-9443-2.
- [29] Cavazza, N., Serpe, A. (2010). "The impact of safety training programs on workers' psychosocial orientation and behavior". International Review of Social Psychology, Vol. 23, No. 2-3, pp. 187–210.
- [30] Sudhakar, R., Rabiyathul Basariya, S. (2018). "Theoretical Framework on the Effectiveness of Training & Development – Review of Literature". International Journal of Mechanical Engineering and Technology (IJMET), Vol. 9, No. 7, pp. 932– 943.
- [31] Olubukunola, S. (2015). "Personnel training and development as a tool for organizational efficiency". Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Bachelor's Thesis in International Business.
- [32] Kalemoğlu Varol, Y., Ünlü, H., ERBAŞ, M.K., Sünbül, A.M. (2016). "Turkish Adaptation of the Elementary Physical Education Attitude Scale". Hacettepe Journal of Sport Sciences, Vol. 27, No. 1, pp. 16–26. DOI: 10.17644/ sbd.251310.
- [33] Aiken, L.R. (1997). "Questionnaires and Inventories: Surveying Opinions and Assessing Personality". New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

- [34] Koller, I., Levenson, M.R., Glück, J. (2017). "What Do You Think You Are Measuring? A Mixed-Methods Procedure for Assessing the Content Validity of Test Items and Theory-Based Scaling". Frontiers in Psychology. DOI: 10.3389/ fpsyg.2017.00126.
- [35] Yurdugül, H. "Ölçek Geliştirme Çalışmalarında Kapsam Geçerliği için Kapsam Geçerlik indekslerinin Kullanılması". XIV. Ulusal Eğitim Bilimleri Kongresi, Denizli, Turkey, 28-30 September 2005.
- [36] O'Leary-Kelly, S.W., Vokurka, R.J. (1998). "The empirical assessment of construct validity". Journal of Operations Management, Vol. 16, pp. 387–405. DOI: 10.1016/S0272-6963(98)00020-5.
- [37] Mikkelsen, Y. (2019). "PNS43 Organising the Literature in A Systematic Literature Review Using Factor Analysis". Value in Health, Vol. 22, pp. 769–770. DOI: 10.1016/j.jval.2019. 09.1945.
- [38] Bayram, N. (2004). "Sosyal Bilimlerde SPSS ile Veri Analizi". Bursa: Ezgi Publishing. ISBN: 9789758606436.
- [39] Shah, C.H., Brown, J.D. (2020). "Reliability and Validity of the Short-Form 12 Item Version 2 (SF-12v2) Health-Related Quality of Life Survey and Disutilities Associated with Relevant Conditions in the U.S. Older Adult Population". Journal of Clinical Medicine, Vol. 9, No. 3, pp. 661–673. DOI: 10.3390/jcm9030661.
- [40] Bell, J.L., Grushecky, S.T. (2006). "Evaluating the effectiveness of a logger safety training program". Journal of Safety Research, Vol. 37, No. 1, pp. 53–61. DOI: 10.1016/j.jsr.2005. 10.019.
- [41] Dong, X., Entzel, P., Men, Y., Chowdhury, R., Schneider, S. (2004). "Effects of safety and health training on workrelated injury among construction laborers". Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Vol. 46, No. 12, pp. 1222–1228. DOI: 10.1097/01.jom.0000147268.42094. de.
- [42] Johnson, K.A., Ruppe, J. (2002). "A job safety program for construction workers designed to reduce the potential for occupational injury using toolbox training sessions and computer-assisted biofeedback stress management techniques". International Journal of Occupational Safety and Ergonomics, Vol. 8, No. 3, pp. 321–329. DOI: 10.1080/ 10803548.2002.11076532.
- [43] Kinn, S., Khuder, S.A., Bisesi, M.S., Woolley, S. (2000). "Evaluation of safety orientation and training programs for reducing injuries in the plumbing and pipefitting industry". Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Vol. 42, No. 12, pp. 1142–1147. DOI: 10.1097/00043764-200012000-00004.
- [44] Spangenberg, S., Baarts, C., Dyreborg, J., Jensen, L., Kines, P. Mikkelsen, K.L. (2003). "Factors contributing to the differences in work-related injury rates between Danish and Swedish construction workers". Safety Science, Vol. 41, No. 6, pp. 517–530. DOI: 10.1016/S0925-7535(02)00007-3.

# Appendix: Dangerous Cargo Transport General Awareness Questionnaire - Short Form

Please respond to each statement by indicating how much you agree or disagree (1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither agree nor disagree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree).

		1	2	3	4	5		
	Administration's Responsibility							
1	Job descriptions of the workers working with dangerous cargoes in the port are made.							
2	Port workers working with dangerous cargoes in the port are inspected.							
3	The decisions taken and the rules set by the port administration on dangerous cargoes are notified.							
4	The list of dangerous cargoes in the port area is kept and shared.							
5	The placards on the cargo transport units containing dangerous cargoes are checked.							
6	The dangerous cargo operation area is safe.							
7	Dangerous cargo emergency arrangements are made.							
8	Port workers are encouraged to comply with the rules regarding dangerous cargoes.							
	Worker's Attitudes							
9	I act according to the dangerous cargo rules.							
10	I comply with the health and safety signs in the dangerous cargo operation area.							
11	I report dangerous cargo accidents to my superiors.							
12	I wear protective clothing according to the physical and chemical properties of the dangerous cargoes.							
13	I follow the personal protective equipment usage instructions.							
14	I think that dangerous cargo accidents are preventable.							
	Worker's Skills, Knowledge, and Competence				1	1		
15	I can classify dangerous cargoes.							
16	I can subclass the dangerous cargo classes.							
17	I know the characteristics of dangerous cargoes handled in the port.							
18	I recognize the danger signs related to dangerous cargoes.							
19	I know about the dangerous cargo labeling system.							
20	I know about the dangerous cargo placarding system.							
21	I know about the cargo marking application.							
22	I know about the stowing and segregation of dangerous cargoes.							
23	I know about the dangerous cargo transport documents.							
24	I know about the packaging of dangerous cargoes.							
25	I know about the general damages of dangerous cargoes.							
	Dangerous Cargo Training							
26	The training provided is suitable for the worker's job description and field of work.							
27	The duration of the training provided is sufficient.							
28	The frequency of the training provided is sufficient.							
29	The outcomes of the training provided are measured.							
30	There has been a change in my behavior after the training provided.							
31	Written materials are used for the training provided.							
32	Visual materials are used for the training provided.							
33	Audio materials are used for the training provided.							