

**Memo to:**  
Offshore container lifting set component  
manufacturers

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### **Screw pin shackles for lifting Offshore containers**

DNVGL-ST-E271 section 8.3.2.3 notes that "Screw pin shackles shall not be used" on DNV GL certified Offshore container lifting sets. This change was first introduced in 2006. Prior to 2006, some Offshore containers were approved where only screw pin shackles could be used due to space limitations. DNV GL has continued to type approve screw pin shackles for use on these older designed containers

The number of older containers which can only use screw pin shackles is today very small. DNV GL will not issue any new or renewed type approvals for screw pin shackles for Offshore containers after 2018-06-01.

From 2019-01-01 screw pin shackles will be removed from existing Offshore container lifting set component type approvals. No certificates for screw pin shackles shall be issued based on DNV GL type approval certificates after this date.

The use of existing screw pin shackles on older containers, which do not have enough room for shackles with nuts and split cotter pins, will still be accepted on Offshore containers certified by DNV GL.

We apologize for any inconvenience this might create.

If you have any further questions or comments on this, please do not hesitate to contact us at:  
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