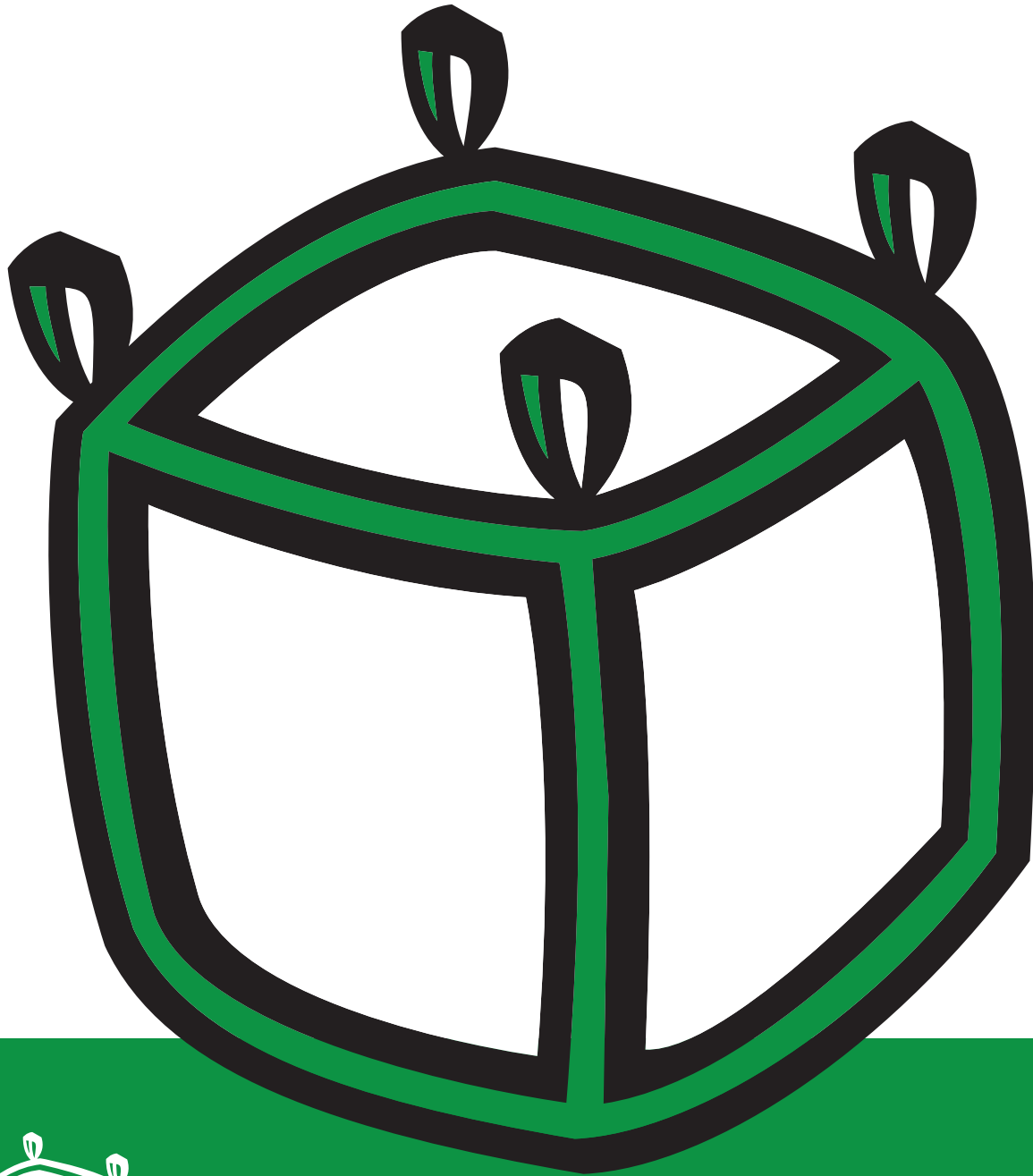


FIBC Handling Guidelines

Part 6: Emptying/Discharging FIBCs



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When emptying / discharging FIBCs, it is important to review the suggested guidelines below, along with any other safe handling guidelines specific to your product and facility.

WHEN EMPTYING/DISCHARGING FIBCS ENSURE THAT...

The FIBC is free from any damage that would compromise its strength.

The FIBC is appropriate for the discharging environment (i.e. electrostatic concerns in flammable or explosive environments).

Any devices used to handle FIBCs are designed for FIBCs and adhere to approved handling methods.

The rated capacity of any device used to suspend or support a filled FIBC is of sufficient strength capacity.

The crane hooks, bars or fork-lift tines used for lifting are free from sharp edges or protrusions. Crane hooks, bars or fork-lift tines must be of adequate size with edges rounded to at least the thickness of the lift loops, sleeves, etc. used to support the FIBC. The radius must be a minimum of 5 mm.

A FIBC is raised and lowered smoothly.

All lift loops or sleeves are vertical to prevent damaging lateral forces.

A FIBC is suspended per the manufacturer's instructions and using all lift loops, sleeves, etc provided.

All personnel are safely clear of any potential hazards.

Take appropriate measures with regard to dust control.

You adhere to the FIBC manufacturer's recommendations and any information printed on the label or FIBC.

You adhere to all applicable regulatory and safety requirements.



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WARNING

WHEN EMPTYING/DISCHARGING FIBCS

Never handle a damaged FIBC without consulting your FIBC manufacturer first.

Never empty a FIBC unless it is appropriate for the filling environment (i.e. electrostatic concerns in flammable or explosive environments).

Never support a FIBC with a device not designed for FIBCs.

Never subject a FIBC to sudden lifts or sudden stops.

Never suspend a FIBC using a hook that does not have an approved safety latch.

Never gather loops to lift with one hook, unless the FIBC is specifically designed and approved by the manufacturer for this specific use.

Never suspend a FIBC using fewer lift loops, sleeves, etc than have been provided.

Never allow personnel under a suspended FIBC.

Never allow personnel to place an arm or other appendage under a suspended FIBC.

Never lift a FIBC if the lift loops, sleeves, etc. are not vertical.

Never gather loops to lift with one hook.

Never handle a FIBC in a manner not specifically approved by the FIBC manufacturer.

Never deviate from applicable regulatory and safety requirements.



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