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. United Rentals, a supplier of these slings, cut six polyester slings. All six slings were missing the red core warning yarn. United Rentals removed this product from their inventory and will discontinue supplying slings made in China to vendors in the Charleston, SC region.

Corrective Action:

All Polyester slings manufactured in China have been removed from service. Going forward, polyester slings manufactured in China will no longer be permitted on the Boeing project.