

## Uncoupling Event

### What Happened:

Whilst carrying out a routine trailer changeover, driver has reversed under trailer and carried out coupling up process. On exiting parking bay, driver has realised that the tractor and trailer have not coupled correctly and has brought vehicle to a stop before the trailer has slipped off the turntable. Landing legs were wound down and load recovered. Driver had not restrained load prior to moving off.

**There were no injuries.**



### Findings:

- Driver failed to engage correctly and check 5<sup>th</sup> wheel locking pin on the trailer was fully engaged and secured.

### Recommendations:

- Haulier to re brief ALL drivers on coupling procedures.
- Haulier should audit drivers on coupling/ uncoupling procedures against recognised SSOW.

• <http://www.poferrymasters.com/tatasteel/health-and-safety/operational-standards/>