

## Loss of Load in Transit

### What Happened:

While on route to a customer delivery point two small pallets of product fell from the top of a trailer and landed on the roadside, spilling onto the carriageway. The incident occurred on a busy roundabout. There were no injuries.



### Findings:

- The trailer had been loaded with structural floor sections with timber dunnage between the layers.
- The pallets were around 4T in weight and placed on top of the structural sections of the load on top of the front stacks.
- This caused the timber dunnage in the front stack to break and fail and the load collapsed.

### Recommendations:

#### ***Drivers and hauliers must:-***

- ✓ Check and inspect loads allocated to them carefully.
- ✓ Do not accept any loads that are not configured in a way that can be safely secured and taken to road.
- ✓ Where a load build needs to be adjusted this must be raised with P&O immediately in order for it to be acted on and raised with the loading team on site.
- ✓ Check sheets must not be signed by drivers until they are completely happy their load is safe and they are willing to take responsibility for it.
- ✓ Ask yourself this question, would I be happy for me or my family to follow this load in a car?

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