

Shifted loads – Stanchion Post Incidents

We have sustained 3 shifted steel loads in the last 3 weeks where the stanchion posts have moved due to not being seated fully in the pockets.

Root cause was debris in the pockets.

All 3 trailers traveled by road then shipped unaccompanied to Europoort. Luckily, the issues were identified by the drivers collecting at quay.

Had the posts fallen out during any part of travel this could have resulted in the steel falling from the trailer with potentially fatal consequences.

Issue:
Post not seated



Chalk line shows 3cm max depth post was seated

Cause:
Debris in Pocket



Solution:
Clean Out Pockets



Drivers have a responsibility to ensure trailers are fit for loading before loading. This includes basic housekeeping.

With Immediate effect:

- Drivers are requested to obtain a small hand trowel or bolster chisel, easily purchased from local DIY or tool suppliers.
- Drivers are required to clean out all stanchion pockets fully before inserting the stanchions
- Please sweep up and dispose of the debris responsibly in waste bins
- **Any driver who does not clean out the pockets on a trailer where stanchions are required for loading will be rejected from site.**
- **Please don't leave it to be an accident. It could be one of your family who gets hurt, or worse!**