

## Unloading Operation – Lost Time Accident

During a routine unloading operation of timber at King's Lynn in May, an operative was injured when they stepped between 2 landed packs of timber in order to unhook it's chains. It was identified that the cargo had landed in an irregular manner creating a slight gap between the load.

As a result, one of the packs 'rolled' (*a pack that has fallen and is no longer uniformly stacked*) as the hooks and chains from the strops released around the packs of timber, momentarily catching their left knee between the 2 packs.

The injury resulted in the injured person being absent from work for 4 days, however it could have been more serious.



To prevent a recurrence of a similar incident, please ensure the following are reviewed and communicated to our colleagues:

- ✓ Confirm that the risk of rolled packs is highlighted within the current Risk Assessment and Safe System of Work for this type of unloading activity.
- ✓ Ensure personnel understand and acknowledge the risk of rolled timber packs during pre-shift briefings and follow relevant unloading instructions.

If cargo is observed to have not grounded correctly on the quayside, **STOP** the process and review what measures can be undertaken to ensure the load is discharged safely.

**A Checkpoint will be issued.**