

To whom this might be concerned

Date 15th of June 2020

Dear partner

Reference: Safety incident happened in Beringen – 08/06/2020.

I would like to share with you the following accident happened last week in Beringen.

A) What happened ?

- After loading one side of the truck, the driver is moving the curtain and metal beams.
- When moving the third beam, it fell from the rail down on the hand of the driver who was holding the beam (his hand was in between the bottom of the beam and the floor of the truck)
- The beam in question had severe wear, so it was not easy to move sideways, but the direct reason for the beam to come loose was that the stop-system in the rail was not present.



Not present !

B) Consequence :

Stiches in the hand of the driver and as a consequence the driver was for 5 days not fit to return to work.

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C) What can be done to avoid of happening again?

Stop systems and beams should be part of a regular check of the trailers and drivers should report immediately if they see something unsafe (even when a check is done). These instructions should clearly be mentioned in any drivers handbooks as part of his/her checklist.

We all try to avoid incidents/accidents for our own people but also for your drivers. It is vital that all safety precautions have to be followed by our contracting party and his sub-contractors, and as well by their drivers, as this is for there own safety.

If we see unsafe situations, or if the equipment of the trailer is not meeting the safety standards we have the right to refuse these kind of trailers, as part of our safety policy but also for your driver(s).

I trust you will take the necessary steps to do regular checks on the equipment sent to loading/unloading places !

So keep it safe in any circumstance !

Best regards,

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Unfortunately, I need to write to you because we see more and more drivers not even adhering to these very basis rules. We as of today therefore also need to include this in our behaviour measure and take direct contact with you in case of your drivers do not adhere to our rules.

I also want to thank you for you effort and helping us keeping our customers running.

Best regards

Jan Roed
Head of Logistics sourcing