

DRIVER INJURY FROM FALLING PALLET

What Happened – Driver at delivery point opened the rear door of container. One pallet fell from the rear of the container; driver just avoided the falling product.



Findings;

- The goods were loaded in a swap/changeover unit. The container was sealed.
- The load was not adequately stowed or secured at collection.

Recommendations;

- **Collection;** In containers make sure goods are stable, are stowed properly (challenge loaders) and apply a cross strap. In trailers secure the goods and apply cross strap at the rear of the load.
- **Delivery;** Drivers should be very alert and cautious, carefully open the door, standing at the end of the door and being prepared to move clear (out of the drop zone).
- The use of a cargo door securing strap is recommended.