SAFETY ALERT



TITLE: HIGH POTENTIAL INCIDENT – TRUCK LOADING Number: 104

Background

On 29 August, a truck driver was observed by an FPC Officer standing in the exclusion zone whilst the truck was being loaded. The truck driver was not in the line of sight of the forwarder operator. This had the potential to cause serious harm to the driver, fortunately no injuries were sustained.

Key points

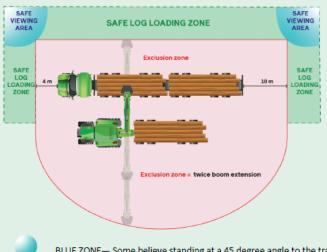
- Prior to commencing loading/unloading, the loader operator and truck driver must:
 - $\circ~$ Agree on the position of the driver; and
 - establish and confirm the method of communication (oral, visual or radio). Hand held radio communication is preferred.
- If at any time the loader operator is unsure that the exclusion zone is free of persons, or loses visibility or communication with the driver they MUST STOP until it is safe to recommence.
- Always follow the Safe Operating Procedure.
- The truck driver should be a minimum of 4 metres in front of the truck or 10 metres from the rear or 10 metres from the opposite side to the side being loaded
- An example of a Safe Work Zone is provided in the diagram below:

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BLUE ZONE— Some believe standing at a 45 degree angle to the trailer is the safest viewing area for a driver

GREEN ZONE—This is a machinery 'no-go zone'. Drivers should stay within this safe area while trailer/s being loaded

RED ZONE—Drivers not permitted to enter this area while truck is being loaded and loader in operation

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