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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

OAA/OBA/OCA Bass Wagon Loading

For the attention of all employees involved in the Loading of Wagons in Infrastructure Projects, Network Operations, Asset Management, National Delivery Service, Principal Contractors and Contractors

Background:

There have been two recent close call incidents involving Bass type wagons where incorrectly loaded scrap concrete sleepers have fallen from the wagon whilst the wagon doors were being opened for unloading. These incidents appear to be the result of incorrectly loaded scrap.

It is evident that there have been occasions where Bass type wagons have been loaded incorrectly with spoil material, recovered sleepers and rail.





Immediate Action Required by all persons affected:

Bass type wagons, must not, under any circumstances be loaded with spoil material unless it is contained in 1t dumpy type bags.

Recovered rails must be loaded in an orderly manner with timber dunnage separating each tier. Recovered sleepers may be loaded either in an orderly pyramid manner (without timber dunnage) or in an orderly manner with timber dunnage separating each tier.

The load must not rest against the wagon doors.

The loading of Bass type wagons on Network Rail Infrastructure must be supervised by a certified and competent person when loading.

Please refer to Network Rail Infrastructure Loading Manual NR/L3/NDS/308 (Part LMB 1.2) for further information.