



Oversized, Too Heavy, Badly Stacked Pallets & Cages

Dear Colleagues,

Your National Health & Safety Forum members attended ASDA's Distribution centre in Wakefield on 12th August 2014 to meet with their ALS, (ASDA Logistics Service), National Joint Council members, to jointly look at and address the issues relating to Oversized, Too Heavy, Badly Stacked Pallets and Cages which are entering our stores.

These issues have been identified and raised to the GMB National Health & Safety Forum by members throughout the Superstores and Supermarkets Nationally.

Both the National Health & Safety Forum members and ALS National Joint Council agree the issues are occurring and that they are putting our members at risk of injury and at a cost to the company through damages / claims.

We have agreed that working together, is the best approach to address these issues. This will take time and require the assistance of members throughout stores nationally. Meetings have been arranged with our fellow colleagues in ALS to address these and any further issues which relate to the working environment between ALS and ASDA Stores.

We will soon be providing notices to be placed within the warehouse. This will explain the reporting procedure, for all pallets / cages which are delivered to store in either an unsafe or unsuitable condition.

Once this procedure is followed, all instances will be highlighted to ALS's NJC and GMB National Representatives, allowing investigations and remedial action to be taken.

We are committed to addressing this issue for the protection of All GMB members.

Yours Sincerely

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