2023 SAFETY BULLETIN – TAIL LIFTS
This safety bulletin supports BARC 2023 Health and Safety Guidance, Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions

HSE Factsheet available at: https://www.hse.gov.uk/workplacetransport/factsheets/loading.htm

- Area should be clear of other traffic, pedestrians and people not involved in loading or unloading.
- Loads should be spread as evenly as possible, during both loading and unloading.
- In some instances, it may be possible to install a harness system to protect people working at height.
- No-one should be in the loading/unloading area if they are not needed.

SAFE USE OF TAIL LIFTS

- Tail lifts should not be left unattended at halfway point. The loading of the Tail Lift should be undertaken in such a way that it does not introduce a risk of falling from height (People or equipment)
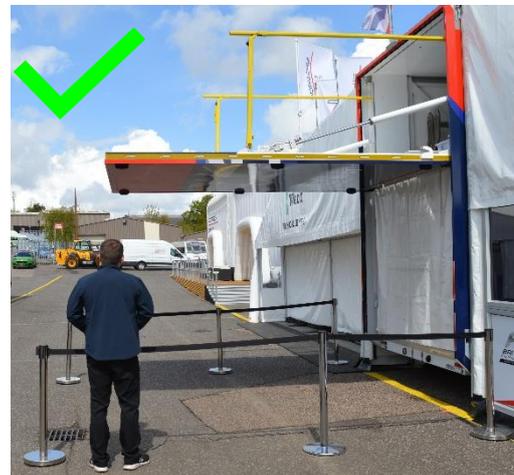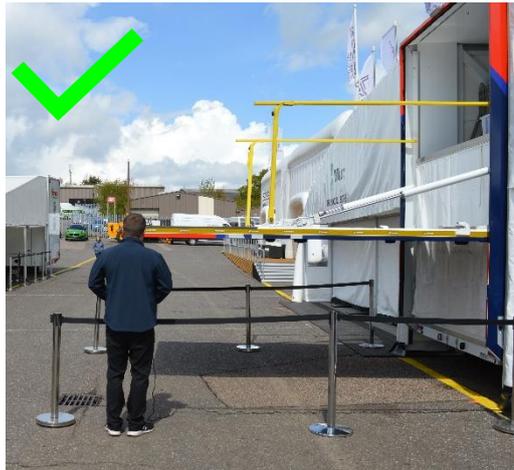

- Guardrails if installed **MUST** be used at all times when the tail lift is in use.

- The use of "Tensabarriers" (or similar) should be used to avoid pedestrians walking under or over lifts

- Follow the Tail Lift manufacturer / Truck manufacturer advice at all times when using the Tail Lift. Risk Assessments / Method Statements must be available for inspection
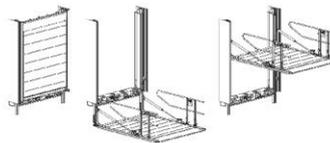

- Only trained and competent persons are allowed to operate the Tail Lift
- Use harnesses or guardrails where possible or appropriate

Your co-operation is appreciated