

Maritime freight and logistics company fined after employee fractures foot

A maritime freight and logistics company has been fined after a worker suffered multiple bone fractures to his foot when a forklift truck was driven over it.

Newport Magistrates Court heard how a worker was injured when a 15 tonne forklift truck drove over his foot during unloading and stacking of steel coils in a shed at premises in Corporation Road, Newport.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) into the incident, which occurred on the 5 January 2018, found that there was inadequate control of workplace transport risks. The company had also failed to conduct a suitable and sufficient assessment of controls for workplace transport.

Simec Ports (UK) Limited, formerly known as Cargo Services (UK) Ltd, was found guilty of breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The company has been fined £200,000 and ordered to pay costs of £8,732.04.

Speaking after the case, HSE inspector, Sian Donne said: "Failure to ensure that workplace transport is managed safely is a serious breach of fundamental health and safety duties."

Notes to Editors:

1. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. We prevent work-related death, injury and ill health through regulatory actions that range from influencing behaviours across whole industry sectors through to targeted interventions on individual businesses. These activities are supported by globally recognised scientific expertise. www.hse.gov.uk
2. More about the legislation referred to in this case can be found at: www.legislation.gov.uk/
3. HSE news releases are available at <http://press.hse.gov.uk>
4. At the time of the incident, the injured worker was an employee of Cargo Services (UK) Ltd. The site was subsequently sold to SIMEC Ports (UK) Limited.

The post [Maritime freight and logistics company fined after employee fractures foot](#) appeared first on [HSE Media Centre](#).