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Number:	SA0008
Subject:	Beam Bundle Pushed off Trailer
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Incident: (Brief facts only, do not include company name or location, insert picture if available)

- A forklift driver was moving a load of beams back to the centre of a trailer when the forklift tynes did not connect with the back of a bundle. The tynes pushed the back bundle off the opposite side of the trailer.
- Although there was minor product damage to a beam, people in the vicinity had maintained adherence to the exclusion zones, therefore no injuries resulted when product fell.

Key Lessons: (maximum of 3)

- Keeping a safe distance and performing the task effectively
- Communication between forklift driver and spotter
- Insufficient training for new employee around load awareness

Recommendations: (maximum of 3)

- Implement load barricading on opposite side of the trailer to avoid loss of product when loading
- Further formal and observation training required for employee, eg load restraint, awareness training
- Employee to review all current procedures for loading

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