

# PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 32

<b>Date:</b> 14 August 2020	<b>Focus Group:</b> Harvesting and Distribution
<b>Topic:</b> Transportation of Eucalyptus	<b>Issued by:</b> Nic Steens

**Background and Incident:** A eucalyptus log slipped on a truck in transit on its way to the pulp mill. The harvesting crew were unaware of the ‘3-day from de-barking’ rule.

**Injury Details:** Nil to personal and no damage. The log had slipped 2 meters.

**Risk Awareness:** There is increased risk around transportation, loading and unloading of peeled eucalyptus logs given the slippery nature of these logs. A log lost during transit may cause serious harm to other road users, damage the carrying unit and/or other vehicles using the road.

**Safe Behaviours:** Forest Owners must ensure adequate room to enable the safe storage of peeled logs for a minimum for 3 days from de-barking; or longer if the logs have had insufficient exposure to sunlight and air circulation and are still wet and slippery. Some key rules are listed below – however please refer to the [OFS BPG](#).

- Exercise extra care during loading to prevent logs slipping and causing damage.
- Construct loads evenly (level), uniformly (similar lengths) and avoid butt stacking.
- Loads must be properly crowned with the logs preferably set below the stanchions.
- Eucalyptus load packets must be belly chained – having a minimum of 3 restraints.

**For Site Manager:**

Print and complete the following:

1. Discuss with employees/operators:
2. Place on site notice board or in file:

**Site Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** / /  
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