SAFETY ALERT

The below information has been issued on behalf of the EFFC to make others aware of the potential risks and possible precautions to take in order to avoid these.



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30/09/2019

Type of Incident:

Near miss with High Potential

Nature of Incident/Injury:

No injury

Details of Incident:

3 containers were placed on top of each other at the edge of the construction site for advertising purposes. All 3 containers were empty and connected to each other with matching clamps. The subsoil was solid. Due to strong gusts of wind (more than 100 km/h) the whole container installation tilted towards the public property.



Root cause (if known):

Unsafe stacking: 3 empty containers, stacked on top of each other like towers and free-standing in high wind conditions. Light containers without reinforced floors, walls, ceilings etc. (approx. 40% weight reduction compared to conventional storage containers).

Action Taken / Lessons Learnt

Containers must always be connected with the matching clamps. Consult a structural engineer before stacking over 2 levels