

New ALC Safety Guide to Improve Logistics Safety

A new ALC safety guide will improve safety in the logistics industry by helping vehicle drivers understand the dos and don'ts when using Load Restraint 'Rated' Curtains.

"Load restraint rated curtains are an important part of a vehicle's overall load restraint system, but they need to be used correctly to maximise their effectiveness," said Peter Elliot, Program Manager Safety with the Australian Logistics Council (ALC).

"This easy to use guideline is aimed at drivers and their supervisors to help them better understand how load restraint curtains should, and should not, be used.

"ALC developed this guideline following feedback from industry that there was growing uncertainty about the use and limitations of load restraint rated curtains.

"This new guideline, which was developed with the help of experts within the industry, will help to fill this information void.

"It uses a simple tick / cross system with easy to understand diagrams with information on things such as load configurations and sizes; opening and closing curtains and whether or not a curtain is rated," he said.

The Load Restraint 'Rated' Curtains Guideline has been developed as part of the ALC Retail Logistics Supply Chain Code of Practice (RLSC) which is an industry led code to assist signatories to meet their Chain of Responsibility obligations.

"Under Chain of Responsibility laws, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safe passage of freight, and this extends to the use of load restraint rated curtains.

"This new guideline will assist all parties in the supply chain correctly use load restraint rated curtains, and in so doing, help them to fulfill their Chain of Responsibility obligations," he said.

The Load Restraint Using Rated Curtains Guideline is available on the ALC website www.austlogistics.com.au

The guideline was developed with the assistance of Engistics Pty Ltd and was launched at a RLSC workshop which was held to coincide with the ALC Forum last week in Melbourne.

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