

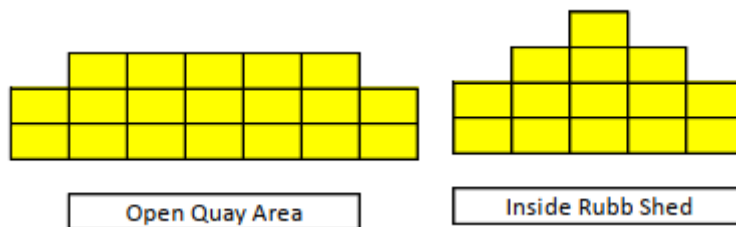
Operational Notice

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Timber Storage Procedures at Belfast Harbour Quays and Sheds

This notice outlines key guidelines to the Timber Storage Procedures at Belfast Harbour Quays and Sheds, effective immediately. These procedures are essential to maintaining safety and efficiency in timber handling operations.

1. **Ground Conditions:** Ensure the area is clear of waste timber, banding, and loose bearers before stacking to prevent instability.
2. **Storing Methods:**
 - a. **Open Area:** Use a two and maximum of three stacking method at each face of the stack.
 - b. **Inside:** Stacks should be four high, with a three/two step-down at each face for stability. Regular inspections must ensure ongoing stack stability.



3. **Pack Quality:** Inspect packs for damage or deformation before stacking. Out-of-shape packs should be rebuilt or removed.
4. **De-stacking:** Always de-stack from the top down, one tier at a time, checking for movement to maintain stability.
5. **Bearers and Skids:** Use uniform, square-section bearers (ideally 3x3) in good condition. Ensure they are correctly placed to prevent timber deformation.
6. **Banding:** Check banding for damage and replace as needed.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.



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