**Incident Details**

A Hiab crane operator was loading/unloading chippings when the ram eye of the crane, an Atlas 130.2 VGL-15, failed at the king post. This caused the clamshell bucket to drop uncontrollably, but due to a safe working zone having been established at ground level, no other persons were nearby, and no injuries resulted.

The incident was reported immediately, relevant personnel were informed, and an ongoing joint investigation started.

The incident has been reported to Health and Safety Executive to comply with the requirements of RIDDOR Regulations.

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This safety alert has been prepared by the RSTA.

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