Boeing 747, TF-ATN

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INCIDENT		
Aircraft Type and Registration:	Boeing 747, TF-ATN	
No & Type of Engines:	4 type unknown	
Year of Manufacture:	Unknown	
Date & Time (UTC):	30 August 2003 at hrs	
Location:	Manchester Airport, Stand 204, Manchester	
Type of Flight:	Public Transport (Passenger)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - Unknown	Passengers - Unknown
Injuries:	Crew - N/A	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Cargo door damaged at lower forward corner	
Commander's Licence:	Unknown	
Commander's Age:	Unknown	
Commander's Flying Experience:	Unknown	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the Airfield Safety and Standards Officer, Manchester Airport	

On completion of cargo loading, the forward cargo door was signalled to close. As the door approached the closed position, the lower forward corner came into contact with a guide rail on the Hi-Loader platform. The door corner was deformed and the aircraft was grounded awaiting repairs. An investigation by the Handling Agent revealed that, contrary to published procedures, the Hi-Loader platform had not been placed in the fully down position before the cargo door was closed. The driver of the platform, who had more than five years experience, was removed from driving pending an investigation.