Partial collapse of the folding door to a storage facility

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FACTS

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During the opening of a folding door to a storage facility, one of the securing hinges broke resulting in partial collapse of the door, but without it actually leaving the rails. No injuries were caused, or material damages.

LESSONS LEARNT

- A periodic maintenance programme will be established for folding doors that contemplates the checking of the general state of opening mechanisms (hinges, counter-weights and cables, etc).
- Folding doors must be fitted with a retaining system in the open position to prevent sudden collapsing if any of the opening mechanism components were to fail.
- No loading or unloading operations should be carried out within the vertical projection of folding doors.