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Briefing Notes for: Engineering Acceptance of Rail Vehicles
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BACKGROUND

The RGS was reviewed for the following reasons:

- feed back from VABs
- perceived need to reduce the number of certificates
- perceived black hole relating to re-registering vehicles (commonly known as Heritage vehicles)
- need to reflect industry changes
- move clauses considered to be mandatory from CoP to an RGS
- set the RGS in the context of Route Acceptance.

The review of this RGS was carried out in conjunction with the review of a number of other RGSs and the changes mainly involve the transfer of controls between the RGSs and the clarification of the current requirements. The purpose of the change is to deliver the controls in a more robust way. At the same time the opportunity has been taken to bring the RGS up to date. These changes do not introduce any new controls over and above the accepted controls already in place.

There is however a new requirement relating to re registered vehicles introduced which is based on the proposals detailed in the Green Paper / White Paper covering this area which has been consulted separately.

KEY CHANGES INTRODUCED BY THIS RAILWAY GROUP STANDARD

The following documents are being withdrawn:

GM/RT2002 Acceptance Testing of Rail Vehicles
GM/RC2501 Code of Practice for the Engineering Acceptance of Rail Vehicles

and at the same time the following documents are being introduced:

GM/RC2559 Railtrack Approved Code of Practice: Safe Testing of Rail Vehicles on Railtrack
Controlled Infrastructure (new document)
GM/RT2453 Registration of Rail Vehicles and Mandatory Data Requirements (previously
GM/RT2211)

Principle changes

- a) The number of CCB Certificates have been reduced from 5 to 3.
- b) The requirements originally set out in GM/RC2501 are now absorbed in to this RGS and GM/RC2559.
- c) The registration requirements have been moved to GM/RT2453.
- d) The requirements for re-registered vehicles are now included in this RGS.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements mandated in this document shall be complied with by the dates detailed below.

- a) The inclusion of Conformance Type Testing as part of Design Conformance shall be implemented no later than 4 June 2001.
- b) In all other respects the requirements for certification of rail vehicles, engineering change, transfer of responsibility or need for re-approval are to be complied with from 2 December 2000.

NON COMPLIANCES

There are no Non Compliances affected by the introduction of this document.