



ENGINEERING ACCEPTANCE - TECHNICAL NOTE

Subject: Special Limitations

Advice to: VABs, CCBs, RSL

Reference: Standard: GM/RT2000 Issue: 3 Clause: 9

Applies when: Issuing Certificates of Conformance or Engineering Acceptance.

Note's Purpose: To share best practice on the formulation of Special Limitations.

Background: Special Limitations are operational limitations placed on the Train Operator and define the limits within which the certificate of Engineering Acceptance remains valid.

Requirements:

1. Special Limitations should clearly indicate the operational restriction placed on the Train Operator, the reason for it and what requires to be resolved for the limitation to be removed.
2. Special Limitations should not be used to define the scope of the certificate.
3. Each Special Limitation that is date-related should carry that date in the limitation, whether that date becomes the expiry date for the certificate or not.
4. When carrying forward special limitations from a superseded certificate, the superseding certificate should take the most imminent dated limitation as the expiry date for the superseding certificate.
5. Special Limitations carried forward onto a superseding certificate should only be carried forward onto a certificate of the same type. For example, Special Limitations should only be carried forward onto a superseding Engineering Acceptance Certificate from the superseded E.A. Certificate.
6. Care should be taken to ensure that limitations are not carried forward which impose limitations on a vehicle which is not, and will not be, fitted with the feature giving rise to the Special Limitation.

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