



ENGINEERING ACCEPTANCE - TECHNICAL NOTE

Subject: Vehicles temporarily removed from traffic

Advice to: Train Operators and RSL

Reference: Standard: GM/RT2000 Issue: 3 Clause: 7

Applies when: A vehicle is to be temporarily withdrawn from service.

Note's Purpose: To prevent unnecessary de-registered of vehicles in the Rolling Stock Library (RSL).

Background: Under earlier issues of Railway Group Standards, any vehicle withdrawn from service would be de-registered on notification to Rolling Stock Library.

GM/RT2000 issue 3 permits a fully certificated vehicle to be withdrawn from service, for a period of up to 12 months without affecting its operational status with the Rolling Stock Library (RSL), provided that:

- a) the certificated maintenance plan contains provisions for maintaining such a withdrawn vehicle.

Requirements: To avoid unintended de-registration of a vehicle, the following process should be followed:

1. The Train Operator should, in anticipation of a future need to temporarily withdraw vehicles from service, ensure that the certificated maintenance plan contains provisions for maintaining such a withdrawn vehicle for periods of up to 12 months.
2. The Train Operator should, on withdrawal of the vehicle from operational service, immediately introduce the certificated maintenance regime for the withdrawn vehicle type.
3. The Train Operator should carry out a safety exam prior to re-introduction of the vehicle to operational service.
4. The Train Operator should re-invoke the previously certificated maintenance regime appropriate to the vehicle in-service operation.

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