

ENGINEERING ACCEPTANCE - TECHNICAL NOTE

Subject: Vehicles falling out of certification

Advice to: Train Operators and RSL

Reference: Standard: [GM/RT2453](#) Issue: 1 Clause: 5.2

Applies when: A vehicle's Certification expires, is withdrawn or is suspended.

Note's Purpose: To prevent unnecessary de-registration 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Background: Under earlier issues of Railway Group Standards, any vehicle withdrawn from service would be de-registered on notification of the fact to RSL.

[GM/RT2453](#) issue 1 permits a vehicle falling out of certification to be placed in a new status of "Registered Non-Operational" for a period of up to 12 months without being de-registered in the RSL. The cases when this applies are:

- a) The maintenance plan is not maintained; or
- b) The Engineering Acceptance Certificate or Certificate of Authority to Operate has expired, been withdrawn or suspended.

The following process is necessary prior to authorisation for upgrading the RSL database to recognise the additional "Registered Non-operational" status.

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

1. The Train Operator should remove the vehicle from service and request RSL to transfer the vehicle to "non-operational" status, using RSL form RSL4.
2. On re-instatement of Certificated status, if within 12 months of step 1, the Train Operator should request Rolling Stock Library to re-instate operational status of the vehicle for re-entry to operational service, again by means of a form RSL4. The form should be endorsed by the Train Operator's authorised signatory confirming that the vehicle has been maintained according to the plan and is being returned to service within the 12 month period.
3. The Train Operator re-invokes the previously certificated maintenance regime appropriate to the vehicle in-service operation.

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