



ENGINEERING ACCEPTANCE - TECHNICAL NOTE

Subject: Issuing Certificates of Engineering Acceptance

Advice to: VABs and RSL

Reference: Standard: GM/RT2000 Issue: 3 Clause: D4

Applies when: Issuing Certificates of Engineering Acceptance.

Note's Purpose: To regularise the timescales for issuing vehicle certification.

Background: When certificates of Engineering Acceptance are required at short notice, a time delay may be experienced in the production of the certificates and their registration with the Rolling Stock Library (RSL) prior to the required operation of a vehicle.

Historically this has been accommodated by acceptance that a vehicle may be released for operation prior to receipt of the certificates by RSL, subject to agreement of the certification bodies and RSL, provided that conformance has been satisfactorily confirmed and any operational limitations identified.

However, increasingly long certificate administration times are resulting in extended times during which vehicles are operating without valid certificates or, where multiple modifications are being progressed in parallel, certificates are being lodged with the RSL in incorrect sequence. This latter situation has resulted in the inappropriate overwriting of limitations and expiry dates.

Requirements: To avoid extended operation without certificates, or certification becoming out of phase with the modification process, the following process is to be followed:

1. Certificates of Engineering Acceptance should be produced within three working days of the vehicle release being authorised.
2. Where this may cause problems, consideration should be given to advance preparation of the Certificate of Engineering Acceptance using the principles associated with certification of fleet modifications.
3. The VAB should make contingency arrangements for alternative authorised signatories to cover absence between conformance verification and certificate production where necessary.
4. The completed Certificate of Engineering Acceptance should be faxed to RSL, the confirmatory original being endorsed "For Confirmation".

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