

Safety Alert

SA 18-299 Road-rail vehicle incident reporting requirements

	<p>Audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All owners/ operators of Road Rail Vehicle approved for operation on the TfNSW Metropolitan Heavy Vehicle Network 	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Nick Mountford, Director Safety, Quality, Environment and Risk 02 8265 6826</p>
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Background

TfNSW, via the Asset Standards Authority (ASA), administers a set of requirements in relation to reporting of incidents involving road-rail vehicles. TfNSW requires road-rail vehicle owners and operators to conform to these requirements to ensure the continuing safety and integrity of the rail network.

What happened

Recently (May 2018) there was an incident of collision between three road-rail vehicles at Macquarie Park station in the Epping to Chatswood rail tunnel. Only one of the vehicles involved in the collision was subject to the necessary notification requirements to the ASA, as required in the relevant Rolling Stock Standard (T HR RS 00700 ST, RSU 727). An excerpt from the standard is reproduced below;

T HR RS 00700 ST, Section 18 (RSU 727).

18.3. Vehicle derailment, collision, or runaway

If a road/rail vehicle becomes derailed, is involved in a collision, or a runaway, the vehicle shall be immediately removed from service and reinspected and tested for compliance with these standards.

The vehicle owner, operator and worksite supervisor shall notify the ASA (roadrail@transport.nsw.gov.au) immediately following a derailment, collision or runaway, irrespective of whether other parties have already reported the incident. The certifying company shall notify the ASA when a vehicle has been presented for inspection following a derailment, collision or runaway.

Removal from service shall include removal of the current Road/rail Vehicle Certification Label, advice of removal to ASA (to the ASA Lead Rolling Stock Engineer), and deregistration from TS 13000 Road Rail Vehicle and Small Plant Recertification Database.

To recommence operation, a recertification in accordance with T HR RS 30020 ST is required. In addition, a new Road/rail Vehicle Certification Label shall only be issued after the ASA has reviewed the post incident re-certification and has issued a written authority to issue a new label.


Actions Required

Owners and operators of road/rail vehicles are required to conform to the requirements specified in the ASA Rolling Stock Standard.

These notification requirements are separate to the incident notification requirements for reporting rail safety incidents to the relevant Rail Infrastructure Manager and ONRSR, and these requirements also need to be observed as required.

Owners and operators of road/rail vehicles are requested to brief this Safety Alert to their workers via their established communication methods, such as tool box talks.

Issued and authorised by the Director Safety, Quality, Environment and Risk

Signature 

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