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## HSE Alert

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**Title / Subject:**

VLine's incidents on Audible Track Warning Signals failed to explode

**Description:**

Two incidents were reported by VLine on Friday 1 December and Saturday 2 December 2023 whereby 'Howard & Sons' Audible Track Warning Signals (Railway Track Signals, RTS) failed to explode on the passage of a rail traffic movement.

The ATWS batch number involved was 50.23 (Expiry 31.08.28)

Investigation is underway into the nature of the failures by VLine.

**Action Required:**

Check all RTS to ensure they are not in possession of the batch 50.23 (Expiry 31.08.28) and suspend the use until further notice. Communicate this to your team as relevant.

A procedure for the management of RTS can be referred to RLS-PR-001 Management of Railway Track Signals in the Links to Supporting Documentation below.

\*\*Update on 6 December: The supplier has confirmed that the suspected batch was NOT provided to ARTC, no further action required if using ARTC stock. However, please remain vigilant.\*\*

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**Links to Supporting Documentation:**

<https://www.artc.com.au/uploads/RLS-PR-001.pdf>

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