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| DATE of ISSUE: 13 January 2014 | NOTICE No: RSN 2014 - 01 |
| SUBJECT | Maintenance of Reflective Delineators fitted to railway Rolling Stock |
| ADVICE TO: | All affected Rail Transport Operators / All Regulators |
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Background

Concerns have been raised by members of the public that due to the build-up of dust and dirt contamination on railway rolling stock that the conspicuity of the reflective delineators (strips) fitted to both sides of railway rolling stock is being reduced.

Rolling Stock Operators are reminded that Rail Industry Safety and Standards (RISSB) Standards AS 7531.1:2007, AS 7531.2:2007, AS 7531.3:2007 and AS 7531.4:2007 includes the requirement for reflective delineators to be fitted to vertical surfaces on each side of railway rolling stock including locomotives, freight rolling stock, passenger rolling stock and infrastructure maintenance rolling stock. The fitment of reflective delineators shall be in compliance with the nominated height above rail, physical size and nominated end mounting location and spacing for additional delineators between the end mounted strips.

It is also a requirement that reflective delineators are subject to inspection and maintenance to ensure that the fitment and cleanliness of the reflective delineators is maintained so that the effectiveness of the strips is not compromised.

The following action is to be taken:

- Rolling Stock Operators shall ensure that regular programmed inspection, maintenance and cleaning of the reflective strips is undertaken so that the effectiveness and purpose of the reflective delineators is not compromised.
- Rollingstock Operators shall conduct regular internal audits/ inspections of the rolling stock fleet to ensure that the maintenance and cleanliness of the reflective delineators is compliant with acceptable standards.

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