

Safety Alert

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NOTICE TO ACCREDITED RAIL OPERATORS

Subject

Track Warrant Working

Issue

Transport Safety Victoria has been notified of a safeworking irregularity, which occurred north of Seymour, on 25 July 2011. This incident resulted in a train entering a worksite that was protected under Rule 21 Section 15, Track Warrant Working of TA20 – ARTC Code of Practice for the Victorian Main Line Network.

Initial investigations into this incident found that the level of protection provided by the Track Warrant may have been inadequate.

In order to ensure compliance with safety duties set out in the *Rail Safety Act 2006 (Vic)*, the following should be undertaken:

- rail operators should note this advice and take appropriate action.
- rail operators and contractors should review the level of safeworking protection utilised when conducting rail infrastructure works under a Track Warrant, to ensure risks to safety are eliminated or reduced so far as is reasonably practicable.

For further information in Victoria, please contact Stephen Backway, Rail Signal Engineer on (03) 9655 8903.

THIS ADVICE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Approved:

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