

NOTICE TO ACCREDITED RAIL OPERATORS

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Subject

Securing rolling stock

Issue

A recent Canadian rail disaster involved a runaway goods train comprising crude oil wagons that derailed in the middle of the small town of Lac-Mégantic in Quebec.

Although the investigation into the cause of the incident is not complete, safety investigators from the Transport Safety Board of Canada have identified immediate actions that Canadian rail operators must undertake to ensure the safe movement of dangerous goods.

One of these actions, applicable to the Victorian rail industry, is that rolling stock must always be properly secured to prevent a runaway incident.

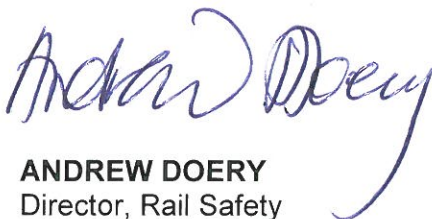
In order to ensure compliance with relevant safety duties under the *Rail Safety Act 2006* (Vic), the following should be undertaken:

- Accredited rail operators should review their current operational arrangements and procedures to ensure unmanned rolling stock is secured to prevent a runaway incident
- Accredited rail operators should note this advice and take appropriate action.

For further information in Victoria, please contact James Duskovic, Rolling Stock Engineer on (03) 9655 2020.

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