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Introduction of new or modified vehicles

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1 Purpose

This module supports GE/RT8270 Assessment of Compatibility of Rolling Stock and Infrastructure. It sets out the processes to be followed by a proposer to achieve the requirements of the standard.

This module is part of a suite of processes governed by Network Rail Assurance Panel (NRAP) to reduce the risk of projects, products or vehicles being brought into service.

The other modules in the suite are:

NR/L2/RSE/100/01 Network Rail Assurance Panel

NR/L2/RSE/100/02 Application of the Common Safety Method for Risk Evaluation and Assessment

NR/L2/RSE/100/03 The application of interoperability regulations for infrastructure projects

NR/L2/RSE/100/05 Product introduction and change to Network Rail operational infrastructure

NR/L2/RSE/100/06 How to decide what needs product acceptance via NR/L2/RSE/100/05

NR/L2/RSE/100/07 System Review Panels

NOTE Information on roles and responsibilities, and definitions used in this module can be found in NR/L2/RSE/100/01.

2 Scope

This module specifies the process to introduce a new or modified rail vehicle onto Network Rail infrastructure.

It applies when Network Rail is the affected party or proposer.

It does not apply to vehicles operating in a possession or testing on the mainline railway but does include transit to and from a possession or test zone.

3 Notification of proposals

It is expected that the formal process for informing Network Rail of the introduction of new or changed vehicles onto the Network is via the track access arrangements managed within the route organisation.

Notify proposals to introduce new or changed vehicles onto the network, or to change the area where existing vehicles operate, to the Vehicle Compatibility Team as early as possible in the project lifecycle.

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