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**SUBJECT: Potential Defect in R7E3S (China) Wheelsets**

**NOTICE TO ORGANISATIONS OPERATING, PROVIDING OR  
MAINTAINING ROLLING STOCK**

**Issue:**

Pacific National provided advice on 24 November 2006 of an occurrence of a wheel defect found on an R7E3S type wheelset manufactured in China (see photograph below).

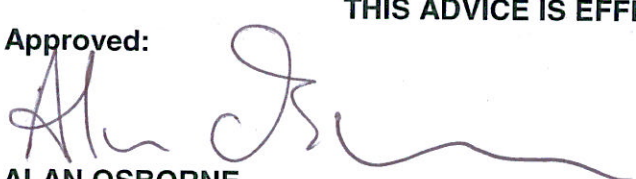
The nature of the defect is being investigated to establish a cause. Pacific National's advice following inspection of the wheel concerned indicates that a crack in the radius between the tread and the flange has progressed to the failure of cracking out of the flange. A programme of visual inspections for evidence of cracks on affected Pacific National wagons has been put in place with immediate effect



The Safety Director advises that in order to ensure compliance with the safety duties set out in the Rail Safety Act 2006, the following should be undertaken:

- Organisations note this advice and take the appropriate action with regards to the management of the vehicle fleets that they own, operate, or maintain.
- Report any similar defects found to Public Transport Safety Victoria

For further information, contact Michael Hall on (03) 9655 8975.

<b>THIS ADVICE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY</b>
<b>Approved:</b>  <b>ALAN OSBORNE</b> Safety Director Date: 27 November 2006