



Information Alert



HERITAGE STRATEGY UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2009

The Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) heritage strategy comprises initiatives to help heritage operators to meet their rail safety obligations.

ITSRR hosted an industry information session on 12 December 2008 to provide an update on the heritage strategy and gather operator feedback on proposed future activities.

The presentation from the information session can be viewed on [ITSRR's website](#).

During the discussion at the information session, ITSRR proposed to defer the development of the proposed mentoring program to give industry time to establish maturity in their safety management system processes and instead conduct one-on-one operational hazard analysis workshops with operators during 2009. Feedback from heritage operators at the information session indicated that they supported this proposal and planning is underway to develop the workshops.

The workshops would involve:

- operators submitting to ITSRR in advance a detailed description of their operational context (objectives, rolling stock, infrastructure, procedures, interfaces, rail safety work, asset management, accountabilities, specific heritage aspects)
- a workshop facilitated by ITSRR, on the operator's site over 1-2 days, to analyse their operational context and identify and analyse the hazards arising from the activities and assets.

Following the workshop operators will be expected to:

- use the hazard analysis to assess and characterise risks and identify controls
- create or update their risk register
- submit the risk register to ITSRR as part of their obligations under their safety management system (SMS) implementation plan, or within a timeframe agreed between ITSRR and the operator.

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