



Information Alert



NEW OCCURRENCE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A new national standard (ON-S1) and guideline (OC-G1) for the notification and classification of rail safety occurrences are being implemented across Australia.

The revised Occurrence Notification Standard One (ON-S1) and the new Occurrence Classification Guideline (OC-G1) are the result of a review led by the Rail Safety Regulators Panel (RSRP) with input from the rail industry to improve the guidance provided to industry on reporting and classifying rail safety occurrences.

ON-S1 was first released in August 2004 and has been used to both guide the notification of rail safety occurrences and inform the classification of occurrences under a uniform national data set. The recent review identified that there was confusion about the purpose of ON-S1 which had contributed to cases of inconsistent reporting and poor quality data.

The key changes being implemented as a result of the review are:

- Introduction of a separate Occurrence Classification Guideline (OC-G1), which defines the classification of occurrences
- Introduction of revised ON-S1 which provides guidance on the notification of occurrences, incorporating descriptions of the type of occurrence that needs to be notified and the level of information (data) that needs to be provided to the Rail Safety Regulator.

The two documents were issued on 1 July 2008 although an implementation period of 6 months has been allowed to ensure operators and ITSRR can ready their systems for full implementation to commence from **1 January 2009**. Introduction of the proposed Rail Safety Bill 2008 will not impact upon the commencement date for the ON-S1.

The new standard and guidelines can be accessed via the [RSRP's website](#).

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