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Information Alert

SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GUIDANCE MATERIAL FOR TOURIST AND HERITAGE RAILWAY OPERATORS

The Rail Safety Regulators Panel (RSRP) released Safety Management System (SMS) guidance material in July 2006 to assist tourist and heritage railway operators in developing SMSs which comply with new rail safety regulations and guidelines.

The guidance material consists of a sample SMS for a fictional heritage railway operator in the form of a Rail Safety Management Plan and supporting resources including examples of policies, procedures and standard template documents and forms.

The material can be downloaded from the Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator's (ITSRR) website at:

www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/rules/documents/SMS_touristheritageGuidelines/1.1_Index.pdf

Recently ITSRR has become aware that some operators are using the resources contained in the guidance material without first reviewing whether they are suitable and sufficient for their operations. Each tourist and heritage operator is different and their SMSs must reflect the nature and scale of their operations. The guidance material should be used to:

1. review, in consultation with workers, your existing SMS against the guidance material sample SMS;
2. identify and prioritise the components of your SMS which need further development or review; and
3. adapt and modify relevant components of the guidance material sample SMS and the supporting resources to suit your operations.

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