



EL-22 Safety Interface Coordination

Safety Interface Coordination is the process by which the activities of two (or more) organisations at a location are managed to ensure the safety of railway operations.

An Interface Agreement is a document that describes all the arrangements that are in place where this occurs. Examples are:

- Where a rolling stock operator operates on another's infrastructure (and vice versa); and
- Level Crossings (public with Councils) or (private with landowners).

Where interfaces exist, both (or all) parties come together to jointly assess the risks of the interface of their operations.

An Interface Agreement is the document which:

- Describes the interface between the two or more organisations;
- The risks arising from that interface;
- The ways in which those risks are managed;
- The responsibilities of each party (in other words which party is responsible for implementing each risk control);
- Provides the contact details of each party so each can report items requiring attention to each other; and
- Details the way in which the risks and the way in which they are controlled are periodically reviewed.

OTHR has developed and implemented procedures for managing interface coordination and for ensuring the records of interface agreements are maintained.

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