

29 January 2026

Operating Notice

In September 2023 Freightliner Group Ltd was granted 2 Safety Certificates under the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems Regulations 2006 (ROGS)

- One for Freightliner Intermodal Ltd
- One for Freightliner Heavy Haul Ltd

On 29th January 2026 Freightliner Ltd was sold to CMA CGM, leaving Freightliner Heavy Haul Ltd under the control of the original shareholders. At this point both businesses commenced operating as completely separate entities and applied to ORR for a variation to the safety certificates issued in September 2023

The variations were granted by ORR on the following basis :-

- Primary requirement was to reflect the change of business name from Freightliner Heavy Haul to Heavy Haul Rail Ltd
- There was very minimal change to the operating structures and safety management system (SMS) set out in the 2023 certificate application (and this had been validated through a process in line with the Common Safety Method (CSM))
- Compliance with this undertaking would be tested during routine inspections and internal assurance checks
- There would be no further change made to the operating structure or safety management system without further validation and appropriate engagement with ORR

In line with these commitments, both businesses will retain and continue to operate the safety management system (SMS), and environmental management system (EMS) which were in place prior to the sale. This will be the case for at least 12 months, during which time the safety and sustainability goals, targets and commitments, and the governance and assurance arrangements will also remain unchanged. This will provide an opportunity for re-baselining of data, implementation of individual IT platforms and development of specific business targets and commitments ready for implementation in 2027.

In the interim period transitional arrangements are in place to ensure that SMS and EMS documentation remains up to date and relevant in both businesses, and that the published documents are accepted and agreed on behalf of both businesses.

Top level policy statements and organisation and arrangements documents have been re-branded and resigned to reflect the new operating models. Activity is ongoing to continue this across the remainder of the SMS and EMS documentation with a commitment that this work will be completed by the end of 2026, at which point each organisation will take individual control of its own SMS, EMS, target setting and performance reporting.

In the interim documents, branded Freightliner Group, and all product or service delivery contracts in the name of Freightliner Group Ltd, should be considered to apply equally and in full to both Freightliner Ltd and Heavy Haul Rail Ltd.

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