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The Swedish Accident Investigation Authority's report RJ 2019:02

On 27 March 2019, the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) published the report RJ 2019:02 regarding the derailment of a freight train in Ludvika, Dalarna County, on 12 October 2017.

The report contained a total of ten recommendations, of which one was directed to the Swedish Transport Agency.

Recommendation RJ 2019:02 R6

The Swedish Transport Agency was recommended to review the extent to which the approval process for changes to vehicles ensures that the consequences of the changes have also been tested under less favourable conditions.

In its response to the recommendation, the Swedish Transport Agency has indicated that the approval process requires that the standards applicable for vehicles and infrastructure take into consideration the compatibility of vehicles. Vehicles must still fulfil the applicable harmonising standards after being remodelled. A risk analysis must also be conducted and submitted in conjunction with remodelling, showing that the applicant has addressed the consequences of the less favourable conditions that can be expected. The Swedish Transport Agency has indicated that the agency will especially verify that the vehicles have been tested under less favourable conditions from now on.

Considering the above, SHK finds that the recommendation can be considered implemented and the response can be considered satisfactory.

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