

# Bulletin of General Information

## Derailment of an empty passenger train

### Liège-Guillemins

11 July 2019



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Nature of the event:**

Derailment of a passenger train of the railway undertaking SNCB/NMBS, empty and towed because of a train breakdown.

### **Type of event and safety investigation:**

Accident with safety investigation.

### **On-going investigation.**

### **Date and time of the event:**

Thursday 11 July 2019 around 9:48 am.

### **Place of the event:**

Station of Liège-Guillemins.



### **Train:**

Type 18 electric locomotive, towing train E7400 composed of a locomotive 2721, 11 type M4 carriages and a locomotive 2731 at the end of the train.

### **Victims:**

None.

### **Damages and consequences:**

- Damaged track elements (switches, sleepers, etc.);
- Damage to locomotive 27 at the front of the train as well as to the three first carriages;
- Train delays and cancellations.



## FACTS

On Thursday 11 July 2019, following a technical problem, passenger train E7400 of the railway undertaking SNCB/NMBS is at a standstill at Waremme station and passenger disembarkation is organised. After unsuccessfully having tried to repair his train, the driver declares his train in distress.

A type 18 locomotive is sent as a rescue train in order to tow the broken down train to Liège-Guillemins station.

Around 9:48 am, when the train arrives at Liège-Guillemins station, the first carriages of the train derail on the switches at the entry of the station grid. Following the rupture of the supply line of the braking system, the train comes to a standstill.

A driver of a stationary train sees the derailment from the station platforms and launches a GSM-R alarm.

## INVESTIGATION

The investigators of the Investigation Body go to the accident site and carry out the first observations. The investigation is ongoing to determine the causes of this derailment.





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