

# Bulletin of General Information

## Train mistakenly shunted onto an occupied track Zeebrugge Pelikaan fan of sidings - 20/08/2024

## DOCUMENT VERSION TABLE

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# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

## 1.1. NATURE OF THE EVENT

During an RMI/VRG (Contact person Responsible for Shunting Infrastructure Manager) shunting operation, a freight train was mistakenly shunted onto a track on which wagons from a previous RMI/VRG operation were already parked.

## 1.2. TYPE OF EVENT AND SAFETY INVESTIGATION

Incident with safety investigation.  
The decision to open a safety investigation was taken after a preliminary investigation.  
The safety investigation is ongoing.

## 1.3. DATE AND TIME OF THE EVENT

20/08/2024 around 01:58 p.m.

## 1.4. PLACE OF THE EVENT

Zeebrugge Pelikaan fan of sidings  
L202B/1, track 869



## 1.5. TRAIN

Lineas freight train E47576 (Recklinghausen Ost – Zeebrugge Pelikaan fan of sidings) consisting of 23 wagons.

Several Crossrail wagons from Z65902.

## 1.6. VICTIMS

There were no victims.

## 1.7. DAMAGES AND CONSEQUENCES

No damage to the infrastructure or the rolling stock.  
No traffic possible to and from the Pelikaan fan of sidings, and tracks 862 up to and including 871 inaccessible from 2:31 p.m. to 3:33 p.m.

## 2. FACTS

On Thursday 20 August 2024 at 01:58 p.m., E47576 (Recklinghausen Ost – Zeebrugge Pelikaan fan of sidings, Lineas, 23 wagons) arrives at track 869 in the Zeebrugge Pelikaan fan of sidings, and the train driver notices several wagons on the track. The train driver performs an emergency braking and can thus avoid a collision. The train driver continues by driving at a walking pace in order to clear level crossing 6 and comes to a standstill 5 metres in rear of the wagons involved.

The train driver contacts Block 7 Brugge. The wagons appear to be from Z65902 (Crossrail).



## 3. INVESTIGATION

During the preliminary investigation, the investigators from the RAIU gathered information to make initial findings.

As a result, multiple similar incidents related to RMI/VRG shunting came to our attention.

The investigation into the incident, and into the processes of RMI/VRG shunting in general, is ongoing to determine the causal and contributing factors to the occurrence, including both immediate and deeper systemic factors.

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