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Registration Wild Cards Version 1.0

This bulletin is aimed at persons engaged in train driving and signalling of GSM-R fitted vehicles, and is provided for information and action as appropriate.

Under certain circumstances drivers are required to use a 'wild card' registration location code (in the range 990-999). Currently, these codes are allocated on a Network Rail Route basis. This has proved challenging for some train operators' and yellow plant operators whose drivers and machine operators work over many routes.

Therefore, the allocation of 99x wild card numbers has been reviewed and agreed that train operators may use a single wild card number to avoid the need to remember which code to use on which route. The following list identifies the allocation which should be used as soon as is practicable to brief out to train crew:

First ScotRail	990
c2c	991
Greater Anglia	991
LOROL	991
South Eastern	992
Yellow Plant	992
Southern	993
First Capital Connect	993
South West Trains	994
WCRC/Heritage	994
First Great Western	995
Arrive Trains Wales	995
Heathrow Express/Connect	995
Chiltern Railways	996
Northern Rail	996
First Transpennine	996
MerseyRail	996
Virgin Trains	996
London Midland	997
East Midlands Trains	997
Arriva Cross Country	998
First Hull Trains	998
Grand Central	998
East Coast	998
Freight operators	999

However, drivers should continue to use the wild cards physically plated by a trackside sign where one exists.