



## Project i-TRACE news



### **Project i-TRACE - Are you on track? Issue 18, December 2021**

Over the last year COVID-19 has continued to challenge many businesses in the Rail sector. Project i-TRACE is fundamentally all about building systemic resilience in our supply chain operations, so there is no better time than right now to reflect on where your organisation is at in laying those critical foundations for the digitalisation journey ahead in 2022.

Locally and globally the rail community is aligned on this path and, as the industry is looking to speed up the adoption of Project i-TRACE frameworks across the sector the "ARE YOU ON TRACK" question will be asked more frequently as key operators intend to begin measuring the readiness of their suppliers.

This newsletter will keep you abreast of key developments, progress and success stories as the rail industry moves further towards this competency, along with a range of tools, training, events and other resources available to help you get "On Track".



As we close the door on 2021, the GS1 Australia Rail team and all our colleagues wish you all a safe, happy and healthy festive season. We look forward to continuing to support you and your successes in the coming year.

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## ARA calls for the industry to use the National Product Catalogue

The National Product Catalogue (NPC) allows the industry to capture and share critical Material Master Data across the rail supply chain.

[Media release](#)

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## First solution provider to be certified for Project i-TRACE barcoding

Nichol Industries is the first solution provider to achieve GS1 certification for barcoding for Project i-TRACE. This certification is granted when samples provided meet the data and label/plate requirements of Project i-TRACE as specified in the Australian Rail AIDC Guideline.

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## Join us at AusRAIL Plus in 2022

We'll be exhibiting (stand 254) at AusRAIL Plus on 28 February to 2 March, 2022. Come and see us to learn more about how Schaeffler uses the GS1 DataMatrix in their processes and how your business can benefit too.



The winner of the ARA Rail industry award for Innovation and Technology was...

KiwiRail, Downer New Zealand, Aurecon – Trentham to Upper Hutt Double Tracking.

Congratulations to all involved.

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## Self-paced learning

As key operators prepare to measure i-TRACE readiness of their suppliers and ask '**Are you on track?**', support for i-TRACE adoption is available through various training resources, including these self-paced training modules.

Most organisations should have already identified their parts & components with Global Trade Item Numbers (GTINs) - if not, this video will show you how to: [IDENTIFY - Assign Numbers \(GTIN\)](#).

Further videos and resources are available. Discover your [Pathway to implementation](#).



## Ensure your barcodes are compliant

Before rolling out your barcoding/marketing solution, it is wise to obtain a barcode check; this will ensure all data is encoded correctly and that the barcode is to ISO quality rating.

A simple check at the beginning will avoid costly relabelling in the event of undetected non-compliance.

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## Share accurate and up-to-date location information across your supply chain

The National Location Registry (NLR) is a central database that allows "Location Owners" to load validated location information online.

Authorised users, such as freight and logistics providers or suppliers can access location data from all their

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If you need solutions to help with your i-TRACE implementation, search our [Solution Provider directory](#) for compliant products and services that will meet your requirements.

## Need help?

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