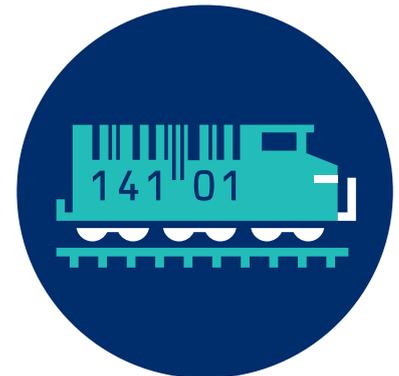




# 2019 – Year of Implementation for Project i-TRACE

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2019 is the year of implementation for Project i-TRACE, with action this year on building rail's digital capability through this transformational initiative.

The Board of the Australasian Railway Association (ARA) has agreed on the industry-wide adoption and implementation of GS1 global data standards from this year onwards, and 2019 is all about delivering on this important initiative.

A growing number of rail organisations have commenced on their digital journeys under Project i-TRACE and are reaping the benefits that this initiative can deliver.

**The ARA and GS1 Australia are now encouraging all relevant rail organisations in Australia to 'Get on Board' Project i-TRACE, and to make 2019 a year of implementation of GS1 global data standards in their businesses.**

To ensure you are compliant with GS1 global data standards or to find out more, [CLICK HERE](#) for the **Project Overview** and [CLICK HERE](#) for the **Australian Rail Guideline Version 2.2**

Recently, the ARA and GS1 Australia launched a new **VIDEO Project i-TRACE – Time to Get on Board**, featuring key messages from the CEOs of five of Australia's largest rail organisations - Australian Rail Track Corporation, Metro Trains Melbourne, Sydney Trains, V-Line and Queensland Rail.

The video explains how i-TRACE is central to their future digital plans and why widespread adoption is critical to achieving cross-industry benefits.

Project i-TRACE involves standardising the capture of data relating to all assets and materials in the rail industry, and in so doing, ensuring there is a strong foundation upon which the rail industry can build its digital capabilities.

Using a common, standards-based approach to identify and mark materials is critical across a range of areas. It will improve efficiency, lower costs and deliver better customer service by achieving more consistent object identification.

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The ARA is committed to realising the benefits of improved digital capabilities through Project i-TRACE and is working with industry and government to support its rapid adoption in 2019.

To rail businesses who have not yet commenced on their i-TRACE journey – **it is time to Get on Board.**

Businesses who fail to adopt GS1 global data standards run the risk of getting left behind and not taking advantage of the enormous benefits that this initiative has to offer.

These benefits include improved maintenance and repair operations; reducing costs by automating operational procedures and improving traceability which is fundamental for lifecycle tracking.

Project i-TRACE will also underpin automation initiatives as the industry moves towards greater digitalisation through the [Smart Rail](#) digital route map.

Smart Rail identified improved asset traceability as a critical step in supporting rail's digital future, and i-TRACE is a fundamental building block to achieving this objective.

ARA and GS1 has established an i-TRACE Working Group to help support and facilitate the project's successful implementation across all relevant rail organisations in Australia.

In 2019, the technical work agenda will progress with three workstreams:

- Material Master Data – agree on an industry data set for material master data
- EDI for Procurement to Payment cycle – automating the Procurement to Pay process
- Barcode verification process – ensuring i-TRACE implementations meet ISO standards

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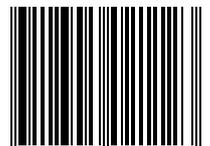
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