



# Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 20

### PART 1

#### INVESTIGATION OF RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

##### *The Rail Accident Investigation Branch*

### 3 Establishment

- (1) The Secretary of State shall appoint persons as inspectors of rail accidents.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall appoint one of the inspectors as the Chief Inspector of Rail Accidents.
- (3) The inspectors appointed under this section may be referred to as the Rail Accident Investigation Branch (being a branch of the department of the Secretary of State who appoints them).
- (4) An inspector of rail accidents shall carry out such of the functions of the Rail Accident Investigation Branch as may be assigned to him by the Chief Inspector of Rail Accidents.

#### Commencement Information

II S. 3 in force at 17.10.2005 by S.I. 2005/1991, art. 2(1)(2)(iii)

### 4 General aims

In exercising their functions the Rail Accident Investigation Branch shall, wherever relevant, aim—

- (a) to improve the safety of railways, and
- (b) to prevent railway accidents and railway incidents.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003, Cross Heading: The Rail Accident Investigation Branch. (See end of Document for details)

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** S. 4 in force at 17.10.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1991](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(2\)\(iv\)](#)

**5 Assistance to others**

The Chief Inspector of Rail Accidents may arrange for the Rail Accident Investigation Branch to assist any person; in particular, assistance—

- (a) may be provided with or without charge;
- (b) may be provided inside or outside the United Kingdom.

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**Commencement Information**

**I3** S. 5 in force at 17.10.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1991](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(2\)\(v\)](#)

**6 Annual report**

(1) The Secretary of State shall make regulations requiring the Chief Inspector of Rail Accidents to produce once in each calendar year a report in connection with the activities of the Rail Accident Investigation Branch.

- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision about—
- (a) timing of reports;
  - (b) content of reports;
  - (c) publication and other treatment of reports.

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**Commencement Information**

**I4** S. 6 in force at 17.10.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1991](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(2\)\(vi\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

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