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Railway accident



On 22 July 2008, two wagons of a freight train derailed when approaching Rákos station (under subsidiary signal).

Factual statements directly connected to the occurrence of the accident

The occurrence of the accident was related to human factor. The IC established that the accident occurred as a consequence of railway staff not acting in accordance with the signal box operation regulations.

Factual statements indirectly connected to the occurrence of the accident

The traffic staff mistakenly assumed that the route set for the freight train was safely separated, while it actually remained open due to points failure.

Other risk factors

The staff attempted to set a Stop signal for the freight train. The regulation, however, requires the use of subsidiary signal for stopping a scheduled train on a track without signal feed capability. In the course of the site survey, the cause of points splitting was not found, but it is highly probable that it happened in the course of the events in question.