PROSECUTION

Summary

On 15th October 2013, a freight train carrying containers travelling 69mph (111 km/h), derailed about 4 miles (6.4km) south west of Gloucester station on the railway line from Newport via Lydney. The rear wheel set of the last wagon derailed which caused an empty container to fall down an embankment. However, the train continued on to Gloucester station causing damage to signalling systems and the track along the way. Network Rail failed to appreciate or properly address the track defect that caused the derailment, so incorrectly lifted speed restrictions.

Company

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

Breaches involved

s.3(1) health and Safety Act 1974

Date(s) of offence

15/10/2013

Plea

Guilty

Result

Court

Bristol Crown Court

Sentencing date

15/03/2018

Penalty

£733,000

Costs

£70,000

Location of offence

Address

ORR details

ORR Team

ORR Directorate

Railway Safety Directorate