NOTE

Date 18-07-2024

Casenr. 2023-491

**Summary case 2023-491**

On Sunday 10th September 2023, a person, hereafter referred to as the deceased, stood on an external boarding step, at a cab door in the middle of InterCity train 70171, and drove the train out of Odense towards Fredericia.

This was reported to the Police, who immediately contacted Banedanmark, which brought the train to a halt shortly before Tommerup Station.

By this time, however, the deceased had already fallen from the train, this with fatal consequences.

The deceased was found 16 days later by some railway workers who were doing a line inspection of the infrastructure.

Conclusion

The cause of the accident was that the deceased chose to cling to the outside of the train on a step board by a cab door. At a speed of approx. 155 km/h the deceased fell to his death.

The decision to stand on the step board was probably made in haste and influenced by the presence of the deceased's belongings inside the train.

Recommendations

After carrying out the above investigation and evaluating the available data, the accident commission finds no basis for issuing safety recommendations.

Best,

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