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Glossary of this Rule

<i>Advertised</i>	To give written or electronic notice, usually in advance, of planned activities.
<i>Cancel</i>	To withdraw permission for or to end previously authorised activities, such as Occupancy Authorities, without completing them.
<i>Civil Infrastructure</i>	The track, track formation and drainage, and fixed structures beside, over or under the track. The term includes supports for overhead electric traction equipment and supports for signalling and telecommunications equipment, but not the equipment itself.
<i>Electrical Infrastructure</i>	may include: Equipment and systems for supplying and distributing electricity Wires, cables, electrical equipment, electrical switch rooms, signalling and substations.
<i>Infrastructure</i>	See civil infrastructure; electrical infrastructure; signalling infrastructure and telecommunications infrastructure.
<i>Infrastructure Representative</i>	An authorised Brookfield Rail employee or an organisation contracted to Brookfield Rail, responsible for maintaining network infrastructure.
<i>Network</i>	A combination of track and other associated infrastructure controlled by Brookfield Rail.
<i>Network Controller</i>	A Competent Worker who authorises and issues Occupancy Authorities, and works points, signals and other signalling equipment to manage routes for safe and efficient transit of rail traffic in the Network.
<i>Permanent Record</i>	A record made in writing or in an electronic system, and kept for reference and audit.
<i>Rail Traffic</i>	Trains and track vehicle or vehicles travelling on the network.
<i>Rail Traffic Crew</i>	Competent Workers responsible for the operation of the Motive Power Unit.
<i>Signalling And Communications Infrastructure</i>	Signalling equipment and telecommunications equipment used as part of the safeworking and operating systems of the Network.
<i>Track</i>	The combination of rails, rail connectors, sleepers, ballast, points and crossings.
<i>Travel</i>	Planned or purposeful movement from one location to another.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Rule is to describe the process for imposing speed restrictions in the *Network* during hot weather.

2. General

At times it may be necessary to reduce the speed of *Rail Traffic* to protect the *Infrastructure* and to ensure the safety of *Rail Traffic* during periods of high temperatures.

3. Imposing Speed Restrictions

3.1 Advice to Network Control

The *Network Controller* must be notified of hot weather conditions that require speed restrictions to be imposed by the *Infrastructure Representative*.

3.2 Advice from Network Control

The *Network Controller* must arrange for advice about speed restrictions to be given to affected *Rail Traffic Crews* and other affected parties.

Unless different advice is given, hot weather speed restrictions apply only on the day they are imposed.

4. Notifying Rail Traffic Crews

Until *Rail Traffic Crews* are warned by other means, the *Network Controller* must issue Condition Affecting the Network (CAN) Warning forms to advise them about:

- the speed restrictions; and
- the hours during which the restrictions apply.

5. Altering and Cancelling Speed Restrictions

Infrastructure Representatives must notify the *Network Controller* if hot weather speed restrictions are:

- altered; or
- no longer required.

If hot weather speed restrictions are altered or no longer required, the *Network Controller* must arrange to tell affected *Rail Traffic Crews* and other affected parties.

6. Speed Limits

During hot weather speed restrictions, *Rail Traffic* must not *Travel* faster than the *Advertised* speeds.



NOTE: As hot weather speed restrictions may cover extended and remote areas of *Track*, speed restriction signage is not necessary.

7. Recording Speed Restrictions

The *Network Controller* and *Infrastructure Representatives* must make a *Permanent Record* of the hot weather speed restrictions imposed, altered or *Cancelled*.

8. References

Nil

9. Effective Date

4 May 2016