

Network Safeworking Rules and Procedures

Overrun of Limit of Authority

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to provide instruction on how *Rail Traffic* is managed when an overrun of its *Limit of Authority* has occurred in the *Network*.

2. General

An overrun of *Limit of Authority* occurs when *Rail Traffic*, without *Authority*:

- passes a signal at STOP;
- passes a sign that shows a *Limit of Authority*;
- exceeds the limit of an *Occupancy Authority*; or
- enters a *Block* without the correct *Authority*.

3. Responding to Overrun of Limit of Authority

3.1 Rail Traffic Crew Responsibilities

Rail Traffic Crews that have overrun a *Limit of Authority* must immediately:

- stop their *Rail Traffic*;
- broadcast an *Emergency* radio call;
- sound the *Rail Traffic Whistle* in accordance with the circumstance;
- take action to prevent a collision with other *Rail Traffic* or *Track Workers*; and
- tell the *Network Controller*.

3.2 Network Controller Responsibilities

When there is an overrun of *Limit of Authority*, the *Network Controller* must make an *Emergency Radio* call, and then:

- arrange to stop *Rail Traffic* that has overrun its *Limit of Authority* and has not stopped;
- advise, by emergency radio call, all other *Rail Traffic* movements that are at or approaching the *Location* where the overrun of *Limit of Authority* occurred to **STOP**;
- tell *Protection Officers* at affected worksites;
- tell affected *Rail Traffic Crew* to wait for further instructions;
- determine the method of working to be used to *Clear Rail Traffic*;
- tell the Approved Operations *Delegate* about the overrun of *Authority*;
- tell the affected *Operator's Representative* about the overrun of *Limit of Authority*; and
- tell other affected *Network Controllers*.

3.3 Authority for Movement to Continue



WARNING: Where an overrun of the *Limit of Authority* occurs at a *Departure Signal*, the *Rail Traffic* must be *Set Back* in accordance with Rule 4015 Setting Back or Propelling on Running Lines.

Where an overrun of the *Limit of Authority* occurs due to:

- a control system fault, the *Network Controller* may *Authorise* the *Rail Traffic* movement to continue for signals other than a *Departure Signal*.
- *Rail Traffic Crew* error, the Approved Operations *Delegate* approval must be given for the *Rail Traffic* movement to continue.

3.3.1 Authorising movement to continue beyond a Departure Signal

Where an overrun of the *Limit of Authority* occurs due to a control system fault at a *Departure Signal*, the Approved Operations *Delegate* may *Authorise* the *Network Controller* to allow the *Rail Traffic* to continue without *Setting Back* provided:

- the signal was at PROCEED, indicating the first *Track Section* was *Clear*, and
- any opposing *Rail Traffic* at or approaching the *Station* in advance has been advised.

4. References

4015 Setting Back or Propelling on Running Lines

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