

SAFETY DIRECTIVE

Network Safeworking Rules and Procedures update

ATTENTION ALL NETWORK USERS

As a result of continuous improvement, we will release the following updated Rule:

Rule 5017 Train Order Working

Section 6.1. new paragraph 1:

Reporting in accordance with this rule is a Safety Critical requirement that assist *Rail Traffic Crews* in maintaining Situational Awareness, it also alerts the *Network Controllers* and other *Network* users of the position and presence of *Rail Traffic*.

Section 6.1.1. updated paragraph 1 and 2:

In areas where Radio communications are provided, the *Rail Traffic Crew* **must** make a general broadcast over the radio of the *Rail Traffic* arrival at *Stations* as it occurs, *Network Controller* will respond to the broadcast, the *Rail Traffic Crew* **must not depart** the *Station* until the *Network Controller* has been advised.

Where radio communications are unavailable, *Rail Traffic Crews* **must** report progress to the *Network Controller* through *Stations* as it occurs and **prior** to departing that *Station*, using alternative on-board *Communications Equipment*.

Section 6.6. figure 5017-8 updated.

Section 6. new paragraph 7:

Where a *Train Order* is *Issued* to the terminating *Location* of a *Train* service, the *Train Order* shall be *Issued* to *Station Limits* only. The *Network Controller* will then apply *Rail Traffic* blocking within the *Station* on the applicable track elements required for the service to enter and occupy within the *Station* as required.

Throughout Glossary terms have been corrected.

Why the changes.

Investigations for a number of incidents has pointed to a lack of situational awareness by Network Controller and Rail Traffic Crew as to the locations of trains on the network in Dark Territory. By mandating the reporting through all locations by RTC, this then increases the awareness of the RTC and the NC, so both know where the train is on the network relevant to the current Movement Authority.

We have also standardized the way in which Movement Authorities are issued to Terminating Locations

The Updated Rule 5017 will be released and become effective on Wednesday 2nd March 2023



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