

Rule Book Updates December 2018

An Overview of the changes affecting workforce

Where to find the changes?

Briefing leaflet:

<https://www.rssb.co.uk/rgs/rulebooks/GERT8000-RBBL%20Iss%2032.pdf>

Presentations & videos:

<https://www.rssb.co.uk/Pages/Standards-Update.aspx>

Changes that affect workforce

Handbook 8 IWA, COSS or PC blocking a line & Handbook 21 Safe work leader (SWL) blocking a line

A line blockage can only be granted with a train within the portion of line concerned either where this is authorised, or when the train has become disabled and the driver has told the signaller it will not be moved.

Additional protection should always be used when it is possible to do so, as shown on the revised Line Blockage Form (NR3180).

To clarify the intended meaning, the wording of section 5.1 has been changed to state that the request to the signaller to restore a disconnection of signalling apparatus must not be made until after the line blockage has been given up or suspended.

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Handbook 16 AC electrified lines

Because of the introduction of bi-mode trains which can either operate as electric trains drawing power from the ac electrification system, or in a self-powered mode using their own tractive power, a number of changes have been made to the rules in this module. Bi-mode trains change over between self-powered and electric mode at planned locations, and may also do so in order to travel into areas where there is damage to the overhead line equipment.

Section 3.1 has been changed to make it clear what is meant by overhead line equipment (OLE) being made safe, and that the OLE must still be treated as dangerous.

Section 7 has been changed to state that the electricity must always be switched off before a person above or near to the OLE is approached.

Other changes

Glossary - Glossary of Railway Terminology

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Module AC AC electrified lines

Module M1 Dealing with a train accident or train evacuation

Module M2 Train stopped by train failure

Module S5 Passing a signal at danger or an end of authority (EoA) without a movement authority (MA)

Module SS1 Station duties and train dispatch

Module TS1 General signalling regulations

Module TS2 Track circuit block regulations

Module TS10 ERTMS level 2 train signalling regulations

Module TW5 Preparation and movement of trains: Defective or isolated vehicles and on-train equipment

RS521 Signals, Handsignals, Indicators and Signs Handbook



Questions?