

Guidance Document

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this Guidance is to provide guidance to Work Instruction W0317 Abnormal Loads

2 Scope

- 2.1 This Guidance applies to the management of abnormal load movements on the public highway in relation to the location of LU assets.

3 Guidance to W0317 Abnormal Loads

From time to time it is necessary for loads of abnormal proportions to be moved by a Haulier. On occasions the Haulier's chosen route will pass over or under an LU Structure. Under the 'Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 2003', the Hauliers are required to notify of their intention to move an Abnormal Load and provide specific details to the owners or parties responsible for structures through which it may go over or pass under.

There are also situations that occur where static Abnormal Loads are proposed to be placed upon or close to LU structures which, if not examined from an engineering viewpoint prior to their imposition, may damage the structure. By referring these to the Infrastructure Protection team a solution as to how they can be accommodated may be developed.

Generally the guidance for dealing with Abnormal Loads is administered on a negative approval basis, i.e. when no response is made by LU approval is deemed given.

All notifications and responses shall be kept filed within the Infrastructure Protection section for a minimum of three years from the date of response.

3.1 Vehicular Abnormal Loads

Each Haulier is required, under Part 11 of the above Order, to provide a written indemnity prior to moving an Abnormal Load. LU generally seeks these from Hauliers on an annual basis from 31 December. No Abnormal Load will be allowed to move over or under an LU structure unless the Haulier has a current indemnity lodged with LU.

3.1.1 Invite Renewal of Indemnities

Annually, in November, the Infrastructure Protection team shall invite renewal of indemnities using a standard letter.

3.1.2 Receive Notification of Load

This guidance assumes that the Infrastructure Protection team receives from a Haulier notification in writing of an Abnormal Load movement.

3.1.3 Is there a Current Indemnity?

The IP team shall check that the Haulier has a current indemnity. If the Haulier does not have a current indemnity, the Infrastructure Protection team shall write to him, using the above standard letter, requesting him to complete and submit an indemnity.