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Signalling Principles Handbook – National Non-compliances to Group Standards

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Reference documentation

[Various](#) Railway Group Standards

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1 Purpose

This section forms part of the Signalling Principles Handbook (NR/L2/SIG/30009) and is to be read in conjunction with the other modules of the handbook.

This section lists non-compliances and agreed proposals to change Railway Group Standards in the signalling field.

2 Scope

The listed non-compliances may be national derogations (in which case they shall be followed by projects), site specific derogations (in which case projects should apply for the scope to be extended to cover additional sites where relevant) and agreed proposals (in which case projects should seek site specific derogations where relevant).

3 Definitions

3.1 Derogation

An agreement that a published standard does not need to be complied with at a restricted set of sites or nationally and where the appropriate circumstances apply. This may take the form of a temporary non compliance since it is planned to withdraw or amend the standard in the near future.

3.2 Agreed Proposal

An accepted replacement form of words to be incorporated into a standard at its next revision.

3.3 TRACKER

A computer system used to record applications for non compliance against Railway Group or Network Rail Company Standards.

4 Background

Railway Group Standards (RGS) are currently being filtered to only contain measures (or requirements) relating to an interface between different parts of the railway industry, typically Network Rail and a railway operator.

All the requirements which do not affect an interface will be passed to the single duty holder and, in the case of signalling requirements, many will become sections of the Signalling Principles Handbook.

In the meantime, Network Rail has sought agreement to modify the current standards (proposals) or to not comply with elements of standards (derogations). This specification lists those agreements for the guidance of signalling designers.

5 Details

The following sections list for each RGS or group of RGS the agreements in place.