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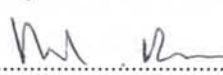
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This Network Rail standard shall be complied with by Network Rail and its Contractors from 4th December 2010.

Reference documentation

The Construction and Use Regulations 1986 (and as subsequently amended)

The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

The Motor Vehicles (authorisation of Special Types) (General) Order 2003 (and as subsequently amended)

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1 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to define the procedures that are to be followed so that no unacceptable risk to the safe use or performance of railway infrastructure should arise from the passage of Abnormal Road Loads over public road Bridges.

2 Scope

This standard applies to road Bridges that are owned, managed or Shared by Network Rail: for brevity, termed 'Network Rail's road-over-rail Bridges'.

3 Roles and Responsibilities

The National Highways Interface Manager is responsible for:

1. The provision of evidence to Police Authorities (see **5.2**).
2. The lodging of complaints with Traffic Commissioners (see **7**).

The Highways Interface Manager (Abnormal Loads) is responsible for:

1. Maintaining an up to date Indicative Capacity Appraisal (ICA) schedule and making this schedule available to hauliers (see **6**).
2. Responding to the receipt of notifications (see **7**, **8** and **9**).
3. Recording and retaining copies of notifications (see **7**, **8** and **9**).
4. Requesting the Route Structures Engineering team to complete an appraisal of a Bridge (see **8** and **9**).
5. Checking notifications (see **8.2** and **9**).

The Route Structures Engineer is responsible for:

1. Monitoring the passage of an Abnormal Road Load over a Bridge (see **5.2**).
2. Taking the necessary actions, when it is reported that the passage of an Abnormal Road Load has damaged a Bridge (see **5.2** and **7**).
3. Arranging for the examination of Bridges, and any subsequent work stemming from such examinations (see **7**).
4. Providing advice in the event of a breakdown of an Abnormal Road Load on a Network Rail Bridge (see **5.2**).
5. The appraisal of the load-carrying capacity of Network Rail's road-over-rail Bridges for the passage of Abnormal Road Loads, and defining any necessary special instructions for traversing a Bridge(s) with such Loads (see **8** and **9**).