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1 Purpose

To assist in the overall safety of the rail industry by alerting the industry if Network Rail becomes aware of a problem that could have repercussions for other companies.

2 Scope

This module specifies the responsibilities and requirements for the review and dissemination of urgent safety related operating information.

It applies to all those involved in OTM operations in the context of this manual. It applies to:

a) any high risk operating incidents or irregularities;

b) high risk equipment defects (other than defects in equipment on rail vehicles, plant and machinery that are within the scope of GM/RT2250, or in signalling and telecommunications equipment that are within the scope of GK/RT0106)

which have the potential to recur at any time or location.

This module applies to the systemic misapplication or misunderstanding of operating rules, regulations and instructions, which have the potential:

a) to be widespread within the railway group and its contractors; and

b) to increase risks on the infrastructure.

3 Definitions

Term	Explanation
Equipment	In this document means • Preparing trains for movement, • Securing loads on rail vehicles, • Providing oral or visual communication

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necessary for the control of train movements,

- Protecting persons working on or near the line, passengers or members of the public from trains or electric traction current but excluding equipment within the scope of GE/RT8250 and GK/RT0106.

High risk defect	In this document means a defect that has caused, or could have had a high likelihood of causing: Death, ill health or major injury to persons, or Derailment or collision of trains.
High risk operating incident or irregularity	In this document, means an unplanned, uncontrolled high risk event during OTM operations (including an irregular working practice) that has or could have had a high likelihood of causing: • Death, ill health or major injury to persons, or • Derailment or collision of trains.
OTM	On Track Machine
Urgent Operating Advice	Information relating to a high risk operating incident, irregularity or equipment defect that could recur at any time or location, where other railway undertakings and/or the infrastructure manager urgently need to be informed.

4 Roles and responsibilities of the Operations Standards Manager

The Operations Standards Manager shall:

a) provide technical briefing of this procedure to:

- NSC 24/7 - Control Managers
- on-call managers

b) include this procedure in the training for Operational and Fleet on-call managers.

5 References

GO/RT3350 Communication of Urgent Operating Advice

GO/RT 3350/1 Communication of Urgent Operating Advice Form

GO/RT 8000 Rule book

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