



Briefing note

Documents for GO/RT3350

New and revised documents

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GO/RT3350	Communication of Urgent Operating Advice	4

Documents to be superseded

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Standards Committee(s): Traffic Operation and Management (TOM SC)

Issue date: 05 June 2010

Document(s) come(s) into force: 04 September 2010

Background

Document GO/RT3350 Communication of Urgent Operating Advice and the associated form GO/RT3350/1 Urgent Operating Advice Report Form (Network Rail document), have been reviewed following the initial implementation (one year review) for continued fitness for purpose.

There are no specific indications from RSSB members that the current Railway Group Standard (RGS) is not fit for purpose. GO/RT3350 was written in a highly facilitative way that enables industry to choose the method by which it communicates such advice for itself. This means that it doesn't need to be changed following the introduction of a new method (such as DRACAS).

We have, however, received feedback from Network Rail, which requests that some contextual changes be made to GO/RT3350 in the reference and administrative sections (not to the actual requirements). The changes are listed in 'Key changes' section below.

Scope

GO/RT3350 defines the requirements for reporting and disseminating urgent operating safety information arising from operating incidents, equipment defects and misunderstanding of operating rules, regulations or instructions.

The document recognises the need for the infrastructure managers (IM) and railway undertakings (RU) to have a common system for disseminating matters of an urgent nature, concerning operational incidents or irregularities and certain types of equipment defect, to each other. The advice may relate to circumstances where other industry parties need to take immediate action, and where other means of communication may not be sufficiently rapid or reach the intended audience.

GO/RT3350 applies to infrastructure manager and railway undertakings.



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Key changes

The changes are to the administrative parts of GO/RT3350 and do not affect the requirements in Part 2 of the Standard.

The amendments are to acknowledge the withdrawal of the paper based Network Rail GO/RT3350/1 reporting form and its replacement with their online reporting facility (www.railnotices.net). In addition, the title of the form GO/RT3350/1 has changed to NIR3350 Urgent Operating Advice form. This is to avoid any confusion between the form and RSSB's standard GO/RT3350 and also to reflect the new reporting facility.

Changes are restricted to clauses 1.2.2.2, 1.2.4.2 and 'References' section (Network Rail-maintained document).

The amendments to GO/RT3350 have been presented to TOM SC on 02 February 2010 (minute 10/TOM/02/026) and approved on 27 April 2010 (minute 10/TOM/04/116). The changes have been developed under the small scale process, as they are administrative and minor in nature. As such, neither impact assessment nor wider industry consultation was required, apart from consulting TOM SC.

Compliance requirements

Publication of GO/RT3350 will be on 05 June 2010, in-force 04 September 2010.

Impact of proposed changes to National Technical Rules (NTRs)

None. GO/RT3350 is not on the list of NTRs (Conventional Rail Traffic Operation and Management TSI nor High Speed Operations TSI).

Open point		NTR proposed before changes notified in this Briefing Note		NTR proposed following changes notified in this Briefing Note		Reason for amendment to proposed NTR
TSI	Clause	RGS	Clause	RGS	Clause	
						Standard not notified as NTR but NSR.

Impact of proposed changes to National Safety Rules (NSRs)

GO/RT3350 is currently on the list of National Safety Rules (NSR).

Safety Directive	Sub-system	NSR proposed before changes notified in this Briefing Note		NSR proposed following changes notified in this Briefing Note		Reason for amendment to proposed NSR
		RGS	Clause	RGS	Clause	
5	TOM	GO/RT3350 Issue 3	All	GO/RT3350 Issue 4	All	Standard revised and re-issued.