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Documents for GO/RT3215

New and revised documents

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| GO/RT3215 | Requirements for the Weekly Operating Notice, Periodical Operating Notice and Sectional Appendix | 2 |

Documents to be superseded

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| GO/RT3215 | Requirements for the Weekly Operating Notice, Periodical Operating Notice and Sectional Appendix | 1 |

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

Issue date: 05 June 2010

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

Background

RSSB received proposal 10/003 from Network Rail to amend GO/RT3215 Issue 1 to mandate quarterly publication of Periodical Operating Notice (PON), rather than bi-monthly.

Network Rail has already moved their publication dates to become quarterly. RSSB is in the process of doing the same and has recently consulted industry on a proposal to move to quarterly publication of Railway Group Standards. The responses received from consultation have been extremely supportive.

This proposal would align the PON with other standards publication dates.

Scope

GO/RT3215 mandates requirements for the production of information related to engineering work, alterations to track and signalling arrangements, local operating instructions and localised amendments to National Operations Publications.

It mandates the content, format and publishing periodicity of the Weekly Operating Notice (WON) and the Periodical Operating Notice (PON) as well as the content of the Sectional Appendix. All three of these documents are the responsibility of the infrastructure manager (Network Rail) to publish on behalf of the industry.

GO/RT3215 applies to infrastructure manager and railway undertakings.

Key changes

- **GO/RT3215 Issue 1, clause 3.1.3.1**

GO/RT3215 section 3.1.3 Publication Timescales, clause 3.1.3.1, states that the PON will be published on the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December, ie it is a bi-monthly document. The change reflected in issue 2 will result in a decrease in the periodicity of



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publication to three-monthly with new publication dates of the first Saturday in March, June, September and December.

Network Rail and many train operators already operate a 13 week briefing cycle for signallers, drivers and guards which will suit the quarterly publication of the PON. Some operators, however, may need to review their briefing cycles.

The amendment from bi-monthly to quarterly has been presented to TOM SC on 02 March 2010 minute 10/TOM/03/052 and approved for publication on 27 April 2010 (minute 10/TOM/04/116). The changes have been developed under the small scale change 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.

- **Amendment form AM001 against GO/RT3215 Issue 1**

This amendment form was published in the August 2009 RGS catalogue, to address the following corrections:

Appendices A and C: The expression “or line speeds” was deleted in A.5.2.8; the word “temporary” was deleted from A.5.2.11; the wording “Where the crossing is automatic and does not have wrong directional controls the approach speed shall be prefixed by an “X” was added to C.1.1.14 (This is simply a clarification, as Network Rail already use prefix X).

RSSB has taken this opportunity to address the above amendments and incorporate them into GO/RT3215 Issue 2. Therefore, AM001 will no longer be applicable.

Compliance requirements

Quarterly publication of RGSs will commence on 05 June 2010, with an in-force date of 04 September 2010. Therefore, changes to quarterly publication of the PON would be made within this timeframe, that is, publication of GO/RT3215 Issue 2 will be on 05 June 2010, in-force on 04 September 2010.

Impact of proposed changes to National Technical Rules (NTRs)

GO/RT3215 is currently on the list of NTRs under the Conventional Rail Traffic Operation and Management TSI and the High Speed Operations TSI. However, it will be notified as a NSR and will be withdrawn from the NTR list (as approved by TOM SC on 02 March 2010, minute 10/TOM/03/056).

| 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 |
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| TSI | Clause | RGS | Clause | RGS | Clause | |
| CR TOM HS TOM | All | GO/RT3215 Issue 1 | All | | | Withdrawn from NTR list. |

Impact of proposed changes to National Safety Rules (NSRs)

| 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 |
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| | | RGS | Clause | RGS | Clause | |
| 5 | TOM | | | GO/RT3215 Issue 2 | All | Standard revised and re-issued |