RPA Standards-Legislation Update

Standards, Regulations and Legislation as detailed in RPA Standards and Legislation Register- are checked for any new issues, withdrawals, derogations etc. RGS can be found electronically at www.rssb.co.uk and Business Standards at Network Rail Standards Portal (msappproxy.net) the new standard are reviewed to determine its effect on RPA Members. The summary notes are used for this purpose before reading the complete standard to see if is applicable to RPA Members.

Below is a list of the changes to NWR Standard, Legislation/HS, Code of Practice, Rule Books and Posters that are new issue have been amended since the last update or require compliance before the next standards review.

Changes in line with Standards Review – Mar 24

Review Date 20th Mar 24

NWR Standard:

1, , ACC-CAT-CO-001 The Accuris Catalogue of Network Rail Standards (Formerly NR/CAT/STP/001). Issue 131
2, NR NR-L2-RMVP-0200 Infrastructure Plant Manual. Issue 13
3, NR NR-L2-RMVP-0200-Module P509 Trailers and Wheeled Attachments. Issue 05
4, RIS-1530-PLT Rail Industry Standard for Portable and Transportable Plant Used for Infrastructure Work. Issue 7.1

Legislation/HSE

1, L74 The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 (published 2013 – reissued with minor amendments in 2018 and 2024

Code of Practice

1, COP 0 Code of Practice for M&EE Documents. Issue 06
2, COP 0021 Code of Practice for Safe Use of Quick Hitches. Issue 06
3, COP 0031 Code of Practice for Safe Use of Remote Controls. Issue 02
4, COP 0032 Code of Practice for Any Line Open (ALO) Working. Issue 05

Rule Book

1, None

Posters

1, None

Additional Information

Advice from RISQS Auditor that any company that has the CDM Module on their RISQS Audit should have the below standards available.

NR-L2-OHS-0044   Planning and Managing Construction Work
NR-L2-OHS-0047   Managing H&S in Construction

NWR Standard

1,   ACC-CAT-CO/001 Catalogue of Network Rail Standards Issue: 131

This document is intended as a guide to current Network Rail Standards, as of the date of publication.

It does not include historic records, although a simple 15-month archive listing of withdrawals and supersessions is maintained for your convenience.

Whilst we endeavour to keep this content up to date from the information provided to us by Network Rail, Accuris cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions.

2,   NR NR-L2-RMVP-0200 Infrastructure Plant Manual. Issue 13

Purpose: This manual details the requirements and guidance when using plant for the installation, renewal and maintenance of Network Rail's managed infrastructure. Application of this manual will support a safe working environment, compliance with statutory legislation and Network Rail's Health and Safety Management System

Scope: This Manual applies to all Network Rail functions and its contractors when using plant described as.
a) on-track machines.
b) on-track plant.
c) portable and transportable plant.
d) mobile plant and road vehicles.

For infrastructure related activities, including but not limited to the installation, renewal, maintenance, inspection and measurement of the infrastructure and its components.

What's new, what's changed and why: In this change Module P509 (Trailers and Wheeled Attachments) has been revised to include an updated section on carrying rail to reflect the requirements in the new NR/L2/TRK/3419 Lifting, storing and transporting track materials. which includes metric and imperial measurements. The module also includes updated coupling and uncoupling requirements along with a reference to guidance available in Mechanical & Electrical Engineering (M&EE) Codes Of Practice (COP) 14 and 17.

The SMF/PL/0253 OTP (On Track Plant) Work Plan has been updated to correct formatting errors in previous versions. Improvements to identifying mandatory fields to capture necessary information and to reduce cutting and pasting from previous plans by use of drop-down boxes.

The review of the document has been undertaken to incorporate lessons learned from recommendations, incidents, accidents and other safety related events involving plant. This demonstrates continual improvement and the application of new processes and procedures to improve plant safety.

The review was also a periodic review requested by the Network Technical Head of Plant. This review has also concentrated on the legislation and references specified in the manual and modules and updated these accordingly.

Detail of change:

Document Number & Title	Summary of changes
NR/L2/RMVP/0200 - Infrastructure Plant Manual	Definitions and reference documents updated
NR/L2/RMVP/0200/P509 – Trailers and wheeled attachments	General update of terminology and clarification of requirements with an updated scope. Updated section on carrying rail to reflect the requirements in the new

	NR/L2/TRK/3419 Lifting, storing and transporting track materials, which includes metric and imperial measurements. Added clarification for Machine Controllers assisting in coupling and uncoupling trailers. References made to guidance available in M&EE COP 14 and 17.
SMF/PL/0253 – OTP Work Plan	Updated to issue 11 to correct formatting errors in previous versions. Changes made to identify mandatory fields to capture necessary information. Changes introduced to reduce cutting and pasting from previous plans by use of dropdown boxes

Affected documents:

Reference	Issue	Impact	Document type
NR/L2/RMVP/0200	12	Superseded	Standard
NR/L2/RMVP/0200/P509	4	Superseded	Module
SMF/PL/0253	10	Superseded	Module

3,   NR NR-L2-RMVP-0200-Module P509 Trailers and Wheeled Attachments. Issue 05

Purpose: Module updated in line with current industry practice regarding use of trailers and wheeled attachments.

4,   RIS-1530-PLT Rail Industry Standard for Portable and Transportable Plant Used for Infrastructure Work. Issue 7.1

Purpose: This document sets out requirements and guidance for engineering of Ontrack plant, trolleys and associated equipment.

Scope: This document is the industry agreed standard on the technical requirements for on track plant (OTP), trolleys and associated equipment to be used on infrastructure managed by Network Rail and other infrastructure managers (IMs). Conformity with the requirements in this document can be used by IMs in discharging their responsibilities under the Railways and other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations (2006) (as amended) (ROGS).

What's new, what's changed and why: From Part 1 onwards revisions have been marked by a vertical black line within the body of this issue, including changes to numbering of Parts, sections or clauses, and changes to Figures and Tables. The Definitions and References sections may have been updated, but changes to those Parts of the document in this issue are not blacklined. The respective business case for change (impact assessment), and amendment/clarification form is available from the Standards Catalogue and provides a detailed record of change for this document.

Detail of change:
Minor amendments and corrections: -
Corrected references to BS EN 280:2013+A1:2015; -
Amended 9.2.1 and 9.3.2 regarding recertification of machines

Affected documents:

Reference	Issue	Impact	Document type
RIS-1530-PLT	7	Superseded	Rail Industry Standard

Legislation/HSE

1, L74 The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 (published 2013 – reissued with minor amendments in 2018 and 2024

Summary This publication has been updated to take account of regulation 3(2) being amended to remove the requirement for HSE to approve the training and qualifications of appointed first-aid personnel.

In this, the 2013 edition, the text of the Regulations has been amended to reflect the change above, and to incorporate some additional amendments brought about by other previous legislative changes. Furthermore, the first aid Approved Code of Practice has been withdrawn and associated guidance has been strengthened to assist employers in their selection of first-aid training providers.

Code of Practice

1. **COP0 - COP 0 Code of Practice for M&EE Documents. Issue 06**

Purpose This Code of Practice sets down the process to be followed in the development of Codes of Practice, Posters and Audit Protocols to ensure:
a. Documents are produced to a common format following the templates agreed by the main group and held by the group's archivist.
b. The documents follow a robust approval process by the main group members or sub-group chairs as appropriate.
c. Documents are subjected to a review to a timeframe agreed by the main group members ensuring they remain fit for purpose taking cognisance of changes in legislation and other standards.
d. Compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is achieved.

Scope This Code of Practice concerns production and publication of M&EE documentation and is intended for internal use of the M&EE Networking Group only.

Changes Amended to update to new format; process for more defined scrutiny of draft documents and include recommendation from RAIB report 13/2020 with regards to clear and unambiguous message

2, **COP 0021 Code of Practice for Safe Use of Quick Hitches. Issue 06**

Purpose This Code of Practice identifies the types of quick hitches as categorised by the HSE and details the safety issues and provides safe systems of work related to the use of manual and fully automatic quick hitches for the rail industry.

Scope This Code of Practice concerns quick hitches when used on on-track machines, on-track plant and construction plant, including lifting operations. This also includes tilt rotators when used as a quick hitch.

Changes New format and new Figure 5 example of a tilt rotator.

3, **COP 0031 Code of Practice for Safe Use of Remote Controls. Issue 02**

Purpose This Code of Practice details the use of remote controls.

Scope This Code of Practice applies to wired and wireless remote controls for OTP, OTM and other machines in the railway environment.

Changes Put into new format. Minor change on BS standards date and removal of design requirements as these are covered in RIS-1530-PLT.

4, **COP 0032 Code of Practice for Any Line Open (ALO) Working. Issue 05**

Purpose   This Code of Practice provides guidance on how to safely manage Plant working ALO.

Scope   This Code of Practice is for any activities undertaken on the rail infrastructure where plant could foreseeably foul lines open to traffic.

It covers all activities carried out by on track plant (OTP), civil construction plant and on track machines (OTM), repair and maintenance, delivery and collections including those made by road vehicles.

It does not cover working above lines open to traffic, specific approval for this type of work should be obtained from the infrastructure manager.

Working with any lines open to traffic should only be undertaken as a last resort in accordance with the principles of prevention included in the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

Where work is planned to be undertaken outside the railway boundary the contractor should contact the asset protection department of the relevant infrastructure manager where processes will be implemented to manage a safe system of work. There are requirements for Cranes working alongside the Railways controlled by Network Rail issued by the Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA) Good Practice Guide

Changes   References made to CPA good practice guide and enhanced section 2.1.1. Changed definition of planned limit of work to limit of work dimension, new definition for planned working limit. 3.5.2 and 3.5.3 deleted and replaced by new section 3.7 for rail mounted plant only. New 3.3.10 consideration of Live OLE

Rule Book

None

Posters

None

Additional Information