

Disposition Table

Disposition Table – Railway Standards Code Issue 6, Draft 1a, 18 June 2025

This disposition table shows the proposed revisions to the Railway Standards Code, Issue 6, resulting from the implementation of the recommendations from the Standards Governance Review, commissioned by the RSSB Board.

The revisions may fall into one or more of the following categories of changes. Please refer to the Briefing Note supporting this consultation for a description of each category of changes.

1. Industry leadership
2. Escalations
3. Roles of lead and supporting committees
4. Membership
5. Supporting decision making
6. Quick-win actions
7. Editorial (some editorial changes related to updating references throughout the document are not included in the table).

Table A1: Railway Standards Code Issue 5 to Railway Standards Code Issue 6

From Issue 5	To Issue 6	Description of the change	Type of change
(Cover page)	(Cover page)	Details updated to reflect a new issue of the document: issue number and effective date.	- Editorial
Issue record	Issue record	Includes definitions of the 'current' and 'previous' issue of the Code, and the table includes a summary of the changes to Issue Six.	- Editorial
1 Background	1 Background	No change to this chapter.	- N/A

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2 Definitions	2 Definitions	<p>New definitions added as a result of amendments to the Code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee - Cost Attribution Committee - Industry Leadership Group - Government bodies. <p>The definition for 'National Operations Publications (NOPs)' has been amended to clarify that the term is only used in the Code to mean those NOPs authorised by RSSB.</p> <p>The definition for 'RSSB' has been amended to clarify that it is used in the Code to mean the person in RSS accountable for standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industry Leadership - Editorial
3 Responsibilities of transport operators	3 Responsibilities of transport operators	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist and that the Industry Leadership Group is created.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industry Leadership
4 Committees	4 RSSB and committees	Heading amended to reflect new responsibilities for RSSB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industry leadership
4.1 The Board of RSSB	4.1 RSSB and the Board of RSSB	Subheading updated from 'The Board of RSSB' to 'RSSB' to reflect new responsibilities for RSSB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industry leadership
4.1.1	4.1.1	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist and that the Board will keep under review the activities of the Industry Leadership Group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industry leadership
N/A	4.1.2	This is a new clause outlining the responsibilities RSSB takes over from ISCC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industry leadership
N/A	4.1.3	New clause allowing RSSB to have additional purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industry leadership
4.2 Industry Standards Co-ordination Committee	4.2 Industry Leadership Group	Subheading changed to Industry Leadership Group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industry leadership
4.2.1	4.2.1	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist and specify that the Board will oversee the Industry Leadership Group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industry leadership
4.2.2	4.2.2	Amendments to reflect the purpose of the Industry Leadership Group and clarify that its purpose is not limited to the points defined in the Code.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industry leadership

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4.2.2, a)	4.2.2, a)	Clarifies that in providing industry leadership, the Industry Leadership Group considers the whole industry and promotes the long-term interest of the railway.	- Industry leadership
4.2.2, a), i)	4.1.2, d), i)	This has been moved as a responsibility for RSSB.	- Industry leadership
4.2.2, a), ii)	N/A	It has not been included as part of the purpose for the Industry Leadership Group because the level of detail and expertise required for it lies within standards committee members. Standards committees already have this point within their purpose in 4.3.2, g).	- Industry leadership
4.2.2, a), iii)	4.1.2, ii)	This has been moved as a responsibility for RSSB.	- Industry leadership
4.2.2, a), iv)	4.2.2, a), i)	Includes a reference to the new escalation mechanism.	- Escalations
4.2.2, a), v)	4.1.2, d), iii)	This has been moved as a responsibility for RSSB.	- Industry leadership
4.2.2, a), vi)	4.2.2, a), ii)	Amended to clarify that the Industry Leadership Group will provide leadership on strategies relevant to railway standards, not only strategies approved by the Board.	- Industry leadership
4.2.2, b)	4.2.2, b)	Editorial amendment to the intervention procedure reference that resulted from additional clauses added to the Code in this revision.	- Editorial
4.2.2, c)	4.1.2 c)	This has been moved as a responsibility for RSSB.	- Industry leadership
4.2.2, d)	4.1.2 e)	This has been moved as a responsibility for RSSB and has been amended to remove 'DfT' and instead refers to 'Government bodies'.	- Industry leadership - Membership
4.2.3	4.2.3	Amendment to clarify that the Industry Leadership Group can have other purposes.	- Industry leadership
4.3 Standards committees	4.3 Standards committees	Amendments reflect that, as ISCC ceases to exist, standards committees now report to RSSB.	- Industry leadership

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N/A	4.4 Membership of the Industry Leadership Group	New section outlining the membership arrangements for the Industry Leadership Group.	- Industry leadership - Membership
4.4 Membership of committees	4.5 Membership of standards committee	Subheading clarifies that the arrangements apply to 'standards committees'. References to ISCC are removed, and the reference to 'DfT' has been replaced with 'Government bodies'.	- Industry leadership - Membership
N/A	4.6 Method of decision taking by the Industry Leadership Group	New section outlining the method of decision taking by the Industry Leadership Group.	- Industry leadership
4.5 Method of decision taking by committees	4.7 Method of decision taking by standards committees	Amendments to clarify that the arrangements apply to 'standards committees' and incorporate the new escalation procedure to the Industry Leadership Group.	- Escalations
4.6 Administrative support for committees	4.8 Administrative support for committees	Amendment clarifies that RSSB is responsible for the administration of the Industry Leadership Group.	- Industry leadership
5 Scope, decision taking principles and content of railway standards	5 Scope, decision taking principles and content of railway standards	No change to the chapter.	- N/A
6 Changes to railway standards	6 Changes to railway standards	Amendments throughout this chapter clarify when the 'lead' standards committee takes decisions by adding the word 'lead'. This only clarifies the process without changing the meaning or intent of the clauses. In addition, references to 'ISCC' have been removed.	- Roles of lead and supporting standards committees - Industry leadership
7 Deviations from RGS	7 Deviations from RGS	As described below.	- N/A
7.1 Deviation applications	7.1 Deviation applications	A new bullet point g) to 7.1.4 clarifies that deviation applications shall only contain relevant content.	- Supporting decision making

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7.2 Consideration of deviation applications by standards committees	7.2 Consideration of deviation applications by standards committees	Amendments in 7.2.1 and 7.2.2 clarify that content submitted for deviation applications need to be 'necessary' and complete. In addition, the amendments clarify that the 'lead' standards committee that determines what action to take if the deviation application 'contains significantly more content than is necessary'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roles of lead and supporting standards committees - Supporting decision making
7.3 Consultation on deviation applications	7.3 Consultation on deviation applications	Editorial amendment to wording in 7.3.1 a) this does not change the meaning or intent of the clause.	- Editorial
7.4 Approval and authorisation	7.4 Approval and authorisation	No change.	- N/A
7.5 Publication	7.5 Publication	No change.	- N/A
8 Intervention and appeals	8 Escalations, intervention and appeals	Change in heading to reflect the inclusion of an escalation mechanism to the Industry Leadership Group	- Escalations
N/A	8.1 Escalation to the Industry Leadership Group	New section outlining an escalation mechanism to the Industry Leadership Group when a committee is – or is likely to be – unable to achieve consensus on an issue.	- Escalations
8.1 Board intervention	8.2 Board intervention	Amendments reflect that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISCC ceases to exist and that the Board consults now with RSSB when a standards committee fails to apply the requirements of the Code. - As a new escalation mechanism to the Industry Leadership Group has been introduced in 8.1, the chair of a committee no longer needs to elevate a decision directly with the Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Escalation - Industry leadership
8.2 Appeals to the Board	8.3 Appeals to the Board	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Escalation - Industry leadership
8.3 Appeals to the ORR	8.4 Appeals to the ORR	No change.	- N/A

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9 Administration of the Code and Manual	9 Administration of the Code and Manual	As described below.	- N/A
9.1 Code implementation and transition arrangements	9.1 Code implementation and transition arrangements	This section has been amended to refer to the 'current issue' and 'previous issue' of the Code and Manual. Definitions for what those issues are included on the Issue Record of the document.	- Editorial
9.2 Proposals to amend the Code	9.2 Proposals to amend the Code	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist.	- Industry leadership
9.3 Consideration of proposals to amend the Code by ISCC and the Board	9.3 Consideration of proposals to amend the Code	Subheading amended to reflect ISCC ceases to exist, and those responsibilities previously placed on ISCC are now responsibilities for RSSB.	- Industry leadership
9.4 Consultation on proposed change to the Code	9.4 Consultation on proposed change to the Code	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist and responsibilities previously placed on ISCC are now responsibilities for RSSB, the Board or the Industry Leadership Board.	- Industry leadership
9.5 Approval of the revised Code	9.5 Approval of the revised Code	No change.	- N/A
9.6 Publication of the revised Code	9.6 Publication of the revised Code	No change.	- N/A
9.7 Production and maintenance of the Manual	9.7 Production and maintenance of the Manual	Subheading amended to reflect ISCC ceases to exist, and those responsibilities previously placed on ISCC are now responsibilities for the Board.	- Industry leadership
9.8 Compliance with the Manual	9.8 Compliance with the Manual	No change.	- N/A
10	10	No change.	- N/A