

## Disposition Table

### Disposition Table – Standards Manual, Issue 5, Draft 1a, 18 June 2025

This disposition table shows the proposed revisions to the Standards Manual, Issue 5, 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: Standards Manual Issue 4 to Standards Manual Issue 5**

From Issue 4	To Issue 5	Description of the change	Type of change
<b>(Cover page)</b>	<b>(Cover page)</b>	Details updated to reflect a new issue of the document.	- Editorial
<b>Issue record</b>	<b>Issue record</b>	The table includes a summary of the changes to Issue Five.	- Editorial
<b>1 Background</b>	<b>1 Background</b>	No change to this chapter.	- N/A
<b>2 Definitions</b>	<b>2 Definitions</b>	No change to this chapter.	- N/A
<b>3 Responsibilities of transport operators</b>	<b>3 Responsibilities of transport operators</b>	No change to this chapter.	- N/A
<b>4 The Board of RSSB</b>	<b>4 RSSB and the Board of RSSB</b>	Changes to the heading reflect the responsibilities placed on the Board and RSSB as a result of the abolition of ISSC. A new clause 4.1 places a responsibility on the Board to review the remit and composition of the Industry Leadership Group.	- Industry leadership

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<b>5 Industry Standards Co-ordination Committee</b>	<b>5 Industry Leadership Group</b>	Change to the heading reflects the abolition of ISCC, with the Industry Leadership Group inheriting some of the purpose previously allocated to ISCC.	- Industry leadership
5.1 Purpose of the Industry Standards Co-ordination Committee	5.1 Purpose of the Industry Leadership Group	Changes to reflect the abolition of ISCC, with the Industry Leadership Group inheriting some of the purpose from ISCC.	- Industry leadership
5.1.1 a)	5.1.1 a)	No change.	- N/A
5.1.1 b)	N/A	This purpose has been removed to align with corresponding changes in the Code. Part of the purpose of the Industry Leadership Group in the Code will be to set industry standards related to standards.	- Industry leadership
N/A	5.1.1 b)	This is a domestic clause (equivalent to 5.1.1 c).	- Industry leadership
5.1.1 c)	5.1.1 c)	No change.	- N/A
5.1.1 d)	5.1.1 d)	Changes reflect that the government and representatives from industry categories will be part of the Industry Leadership Group. The Industry Leadership Group, as a whole, will develop strategies for the direction of NTSNs and other standards-related documents.	- Industry leadership
5.1.1 e)	N/A	Clause deleted, its intent is included in 5.1.1 d).	- Industry leadership
5.1.1 f)	6.1.1 c)	In practice, it is the standards committees that influence the process at the international and European levels. This has been moved to the standards committee's purpose.	- Industry leadership
5.1.1 g)	N/A	Clause deleted. This is a purpose allocated to RSSB in the Code.	- Industry leadership

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5.2 Operation of ISCC	5.2 Operation of the Industry Leadership Group	This section now describes the operation of the Industry Leadership Group. The operation is similar to the previous operation of ISCC, except that the group should meet at least once every six months and the quoracy of the meeting will depend on the topics to be discussed.	- Industry leadership
5.3 ISCC chair's annual report to the Board	5.3 RSSB's annual report to the Board	As ISCC ceases to exist, the responsibility to produce an annual report to the Board is now placed on RSSB. The report will also include a summary of the activities of the Industry Leadership Group.	- Industry leadership
5.4 Oversight of the standards committees	5.4 Oversight of the standards committees	As ISCC ceases to exist, the responsibility to oversee standards committees is now placed on RSSB. In addition, other amendments refer to the escalation mechanism to the Industry Leadership Group.	- Industry leadership
<b>6 Standards committees</b>	<b>6 Standards committees</b>	As described below.	- N/A
6.1 Purpose of standards committees	6.1 Purpose of standards committees	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist and the purpose of the Industry Leadership Group. Therefore: 6.1.1 a) Continues as a purpose for standards committees in informing strategies for NTSNs and for other relevant standards. 6.1.1 b) Co change. 6.1.1 c) In issue 4 of the Manual, standards committees had the purpose of directing the development of specific cases and associated economic evaluations. This is now a purpose for the Industry Leadership Group. Standards committees support that purpose with 6.1.1 a). The new text in 6.1.1 c) now reflects what standards committees do in practice in influencing processes at international and European level.	- Industry leadership
6.2 Operation of standards committees	6.2 Operation of standards committees	The intent of 6.2.2 a) remains the same; the reference to section 10.4.2 has been removed from this bullet because that section in the manual was also removed (see description of the change to 10.4.2 on this disposition table). A new bullet (6.2.2 d) reflects that in practice, each standards committee remit describes the composition of the committees.	- Editorial

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6.3 Duties of standards committee chairs	6.3 Duties of standards committee chairs	No change.	-
6.4 Standards involving more than one standards committee	6.4 Standards and deviations involving more than one standards committee	The heading reflects that the actions to designate lead and supporting standards committees apply to standards and to 'deviations'. The term 'railway standard' was added to replace 'NTSs, RGS or RIS' in 6.4.1. This is because NOPs were omitted in error in Issue Four of the Manual and the term 'railway standard' includes NOPs.	- Roles of lead and supporting committees - Editorial
6.5 Multifunctional standards committees	6.5 Multifunctional standards committees	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist and its previous responsibilities are now placed on RSSB. 'NTSs' were added to 6.5.4 as they were omitted in error in Issue Four of the Manual.	- Industry leadership - Editorial
<b>7 Sub-committees</b>	<b>7 Sub-committees</b>	No changes to this chapter.	- N/A
<b>8 Membership of committees</b>	<b>8 Membership of committees</b>	As described below.	- N/A
8.1 Applicability of chapter <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>	8.1 Applicability of chapter <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist and clarify that the chapter in the Manual also applies to the Industry Leadership Group.	- Industry leadership
8.2 Conflicts of interest	8.2 Conflicts of interest	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist and that the Industry Leadership Group is created. Therefore, 8.2.3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bullet a) includes the correct references to sections in the Code and Manual.</li> <li>- Bullet b), resignations from members of the Industry Leadership Group are advised to the Board and from standards committee members to RSSB.</li> </ul>	- Industry leadership

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8.3 Disclosure of interests	8.3 Disclosure of interests	Amendments to 8.3.6 reflect that ISCC ceases to exist and that the Industry Leadership Group is created. Therefore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bullet a) includes the correct references to sections in the Code and Manual.</li> <li>- Bullet b), it is RSSB, in conjunction with the Board, that is informed of resignations from standards committees when they are in breach of their obligation to disclose interests.</li> </ul>	- Industry leadership
<b>9 Consensus</b>	<b>9 Decisions</b>	Heading changed to decisions because the Industry Leadership Group will make decisions by simple majority.	- Industry leadership
N/A	9.1 Decisions	New clause explaining there is no further guidance in the Manual in respect to the corresponding new section in the Code.	- Industry leadership
9.1 Consensus	9.2 Decisions	No change.	-
9.2 Consensus	9.3 Decisions	Word 'standards' was added to clarify that the clause only applies to standards committees.	- Industry leadership
9.3 Consensus	9.4 Decisions	Amendments reflect the new responsibilities for RSSB as ISCC ceases to exist and the escalation mechanism to the Industry Leadership Group.	- Industry leadership
9.4 Consensus	9.5 Decisions	The clause has been amended to refer to the new escalation mechanism to the Industry Leadership Group.	- Escalations
<b>10 RSSB support to the committees</b>	<b>10 RSSB support to the committees</b>	As described bellow.	- N/A
10.1 RSSB administrative support	10.1 RSSB administrative support	No change.	- N/A
10.2 Committee meeting minutes	10.2 Committee meeting minutes	Amendment to reflect that ISCC ceases to exist, and that is the minutes from the Industry Leadership group that need to be published.	- Industry Leadership
10.3 RSSB actions in relation to ISCC	10.3 RSSB actions in relation to the Industry Leadership Group	Section heading reflects that ISCC ceases to exist and the actions are in relation to the Industry Leadership Group.	- Industry Leadership

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10.3.1 RSSB actions in relation to ISCC	5.3.1 b) RSSB's annual report to the Board	Text moved to section 5.3 of the Manual because that section already covers the RSSB's annual report to the Board, and it is a better place to set out what the report should cover. This does not change the intent of the clause.	- Editorial
10.3.2 RSSB actions in relation to ISCC	10.3.1 RSSB actions in relation to the Industry Leadership Group	The amendments reflect the fact that ISCC ceases to exist.	- Industry Leadership
10.4 RSSB actions in relation to standards committees	10.4 RSSB actions in relation to standards committees	Changes to this section as described below.	- N/A
10.4.1 RSSB actions in relation to standards committees	N/A	Clause removed because in practice, each standards committee produces a remit. The remit includes the composition and coverage of the committee. This is covered in 6.2.2.	- Editorial
10.4.2 RSSB actions in relation to standards committees	N/A	As above.	- Editorial
10.4.3 RSSB actions in relation to standards committees	10.4.1 RSSB actions in relation to standards committees	Amendments reflect that standards committees produce their remit and that ISCC ceases to exist.	- Editorial - Industry Leadership
10.4.4 RSSB actions in relation to standards committees	10.4.2 RSSB actions in relation to standards committees	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist; therefore, RSSB briefs standards committee chairs on relevant issues from the Industry Leadership Board. A new bullet point now covers sharing lessons learnt.	- Industry Leadership - Quick-win
10.4.5 RSSB actions in relation to standards committees	10.4.3 RSSB actions in relation to standards committees	No change.	- N/A
<b>11 Scope, decision taking principles and content of railway standards</b>	<b>11 Scope, decision taking principles and content of railway standards</b>	The only change in this chapter is an amendment to 11.2.1 e) iii) to clarify that standards committees shall consider whether requirements align with relevant strategies, rather than only strategies approved by the Board.	- Industry Leadership

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<b>12 Changes to railway standards</b>	<b>12 Changes to railway standards</b>	Amendments in 12.2.2 e) and 12.10.4 clarify that the clauses applies to 'railway standards' rather than only 'RGSs'. This corrects the terms used incorrectly in Issue Four of the Manual. The intent of the clauses do not change.	- Editorial
<b>13 Publication and monitoring of RGSs and RISs</b>	<b>13 Publication and monitoring of RGSs and RISs</b>	Amendment to the heading in 13.2 to include NOPs, which were incorrectly missed in Issue Four of the Manual.  Other amendments in 13.2 reflect that ISCC ceases to exist, with RSSB taking the responsibility to monitor the fitness for purpose of standards with the advice of the Industry Leadership Group.	- Editorial - Industry Leadership
<b>14 Further procedures for changes to documents other than RGSs and RISs</b>	<b>14 Further procedures for changes to documents other than RGSs and RISs</b>	Amendments in this section as described below.	- N/A
14.1 Application of the procedure for change to documents other than RGSs and RISs	14.1 Application of the procedure for change to documents other than RGSs and RISs	Amendment to reflect that ISCC ceases to exist.	- Industry Leadership
14.2.2 National Technical Specification Notices (NTSNs)	14.2.2 National Technical Specification Notices (NTSNs)	The amendment includes the 'Industry Leadership Group' and clarifies responsibilities by specifying that proposals are submitted to the 'lead' standards committee.	- Industry Leadership - Roles of lead and supporting committees
14.2.5 National Technical Specification Notices (NTSNs)	14.2.5 National Technical Specification Notices (NTSNs)	The amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarifies that proposals and assessments of impacts are provided to the 'lead' standards committee;</li> <li>- ISCC is no longer required for endorsement of proposals, as it ceases to exist.</li> <li>- Has a reference to the escalation mechanism to the Industry Leadership Group.</li> </ul>	- Industry Leadership - Roles of lead and supporting committees - Escalations

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14.2.6 National Technical Specification Notices (NTSNs)	14.2.6 National Technical Specification Notices (NTSNs)	The amendment removes ISCC, so it is not needed for consultation or the endorsement of proposals.	- Industry Leadership
<b>15 Standards catalogue</b>	<b>15 Standards catalogue</b>	No changes to this chapter.	- N/A
<b>16 Deviations from an NTR contained in an RGS</b>	<b>16 Deviations from an NTR contained in an RGS</b>	Amendments to this chapter are as described below.	- N/A
16.2 Deviation applications	16.2 Deviation applications	16.2.2 b) has been amended in line with the Code to clarify that applications shall contain 'only the necessary but' sufficient information to allow committee members to make decisions.	- Supporting decision making
16.3 Consideration of deviation applications by standards committees	16.3 Consideration of deviation applications by standards committees	Two new clauses are introduced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16.3.3 allows RSSB to request summarised information from deviation applicants.</li> <li>- 16.3.4 places a responsibility on deviation applicants to provide the summaries requested or permit RSSB to summarise the content using available technology.</li> </ul>	- Supporting decision making
<b>17 Deviation procedures for other requirements in railway standards</b>	<b>17 Deviation procedures for other requirements in railway standards</b>	Editorial change to 17.2.1, this refers now to 'chapter' 16 rather than 'section' 16. This change is to use consistent terminology across the document.	- Editorial
<b>18 RSSB support for other industry documents</b>	<b>18 RSSB support for other industry documents</b>	Amendments in this chapter reflect that ISCC ceases to exist and RSSB takes responsibilities previously placed on ISCC.	- Industry Leadership
<b>19 Intervention and appeals</b>	<b>19 Escalations, intervention and appeals</b>	Heading amended to reflect new escalation mechanism.	- Escalations
N/A	19.1 Escalation to the Industry Leadership Group	This is a new section that describes the escalation mechanism to the Industry Leadership Group.	- Escalations
N/A	19.2 Involvement of the Industry Investment Committee	This is a new section describing when the Cost Attribution Committee gets involved.	- Escalations



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<b>20 Administration of the Code and the Standards Manual</b>	<b>20 Administration of the Code and the Standards Manual</b>	Editorial amendments to reflect the new issue numbers of the Code and the Manual. RSSB takes the responsibility previously allocated to ISCC. Correction in 20.1.2 to clarify that the previous issue of the manual may continue to apply to decisions regarding 'railway standards' rather than just 'RGS's.	- Editorial - Industry Leadership
<b>21 Publication</b>	<b>21 Publication</b>	No changes to this chapter.	- N/A
<b>22 Costs</b>	<b>22 Costs</b>	No changes to this chapter.	- N/A
<b>Appendix A Chairing and membership of ISCC and standards committees</b>	<b>Appendix A Chairing and membership of the Industry Leadership Group and standards committees</b>	Heading amended to include the Industry Leadership Group and removes ISCC as it ceases to exist.	- Industry Leadership
A1 ISCC chair	A1 Chair of the Industry Leadership Group	The section has been amended to describe the Chair of the Industry Leadership Group rather than the Chair of ISCC. Other amendments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A requirement for the chair to occupy or have occupied senior positions in the industry.</li> <li>- Limit their participation as chair to two terms.</li> </ul>	- Membership
A2 Membership of standards committees	A2 Membership of standards committees	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist. It also includes amendments to ensure the membership of standards committees includes expertise in 'financial implications' in addition to the expertise already required in the technical areas that the committee needs to make decisions.	- Membership
A3 Standards committee chairs	A3 Standards committee chairs	Amendments reflect that ISCC ceases to exist.	- Industry Leadership
N/A	A4 Alternate members for the Industry Leadership Group	New section describing the arrangements for Industry Leadership Members to appoint alternate members.	- Membership
A4 Alternate members	A5 Alternate members for standards committees	There are no changes to the arrangements on alternates members for standards committees. The amendments throughout this section clarify that the arrangements apply only to standards committees.	- Membership

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N/A	A6 Co-opted members for the Industry Leadership Group	New section with arrangements on co-opted members for the Industry Leadership Group.	- Membership
A5 Co-opted members	A7 Co-opted members for standards committees	There are no changes to the arrangements on co-opted members for standards committees. The amendments throughout this section clarify that the arrangements apply only to standards committees.	- Membership
A6 Observers	A8 Observers	There are no changes to the arrangements for observers of standards committees. The amendments throughout this section clarify that the arrangements also apply the Industry Leadership Group.	- Membership
N/A	A9 Election of Industry Leadership Group members	New section describing the election arrangements for Industry Leadership members.	- Membership
A7 Election of committee members	A10 Election of standards committee members	There are no changes to the arrangements for the election of standards committee members. The word 'standards' has been added in front of 'committee' to clarify that the arrangements only apply to them.  A11.4 d) The requirement for members to be chartered members of an appropriate professional institution has been edited to apply to all members of committees rather than only to engineering experts. This is because rail operators can now become chartered as well as engineers.	- Membership
A8 Annual review of membership	A11 Annual review of membership	Amendments reflect the Industry Leadership Group and that ISCC ceases to exist.	- Industry Leadership
A9 Removal of an elected committee member	A12 Removal of an elected committee member	Amendments reflect the Industry Leadership Group and that ISCC ceases to exist. A new bullet A13.1 e) reflects the arrangements for the limits of membership for members of the Industry Leadership Group.	- Industry Leadership - Membership.