

Our Ref: Five-year review of RIS-3776-TOM

24 July 2025

Dear Stakeholder

**Consultation on the five-year review of RIS-3776-TOM issue 2 Rail Industry Standard on Control of Mobile communication Equipment use in Driving Cabs**

RSSB has undertaken a review of the document listed above. The review has considered factors such as, related research project 19-005 *Secondary communication in the absence of GSM-R*. This project is still ongoing, but could have an effect on the content of RIS-3776-TOM. In addition, two concluded research projects that included mobile communication equipment, which were reviewed to assess whether there was any impact on the standard. These are:

- T1280 *Evaluating the effectiveness of control measures for unauthorised presence of 'mobile smart devices' within the driving cab*; and
- T1332 *Agreed industry standards for mobile electronic devices*.

The findings from the review of the research documents are that although there have been some advances in technology that have been recorded in both research projects, the guidance within the standard was appropriate, although referencing the research projects in future publications would be helpful. However, it would be appropriate to wait until the conclusion of 19-005 and review whether changes need to be made to RIS-3776-TOM. Deviations, proposals for change and checks on changes to legislation were carried out, but nothing was uncovered that would have an impact on RIS-3776-TOM.

The review indicates that:

- The document currently remains fit for purpose, however, this is dependent on the conclusion of project 19-005.
- The document should be reviewed again upon the conclusion of 19-005.

The document concerns the use of mobile communication devices in driving cabs and should be brought to the attention of heads of safety, driver standards departments and any other roles responsible for this area.

We would also like to know if you are aware of issues that may have a bearing on the way forward for the document, particularly concerning challenges to mobile phone use in the cab. This could be how technology has changed.

We have provided a comments form for you to use. Our consultation closes on **20 August 2025**. All comments submitted by that date will be considered, we are unlikely to respond to comments received after that date.

We will consult with the Traffic Operation and Management Standards Committee to approve our draft responses to your comments and the proposed recommendation. We will contact you again to inform you of the decision made by the committee.

Your comments and personal information (name, job title and organisation) will be recorded in the consultation comments and response form, which is shared with standards committees and other interested parties in the rail industry to help us respond to your comments. If you do not want your personal information to be published, please let us know.

The consultation comments and response form will be published on the standards portal <https://consultations.rsb.co.uk/>.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Attached:

Review form

Comments form