

MEETING: Traffic Operation & Management Standards Committee
DATE: 26 March 2024
SUBJECT: Five-year review of GERT8000-T3 ERTMS Iss 4, Possession of an ERTMS running line for engineering work where lineside signals are not provided.
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1. Purpose of the paper

- 1.1 This paper sets out the assessment of the Five-year review of GERT8000-T3 ERTMS Iss 4, Possession of an ERTMS running line for engineering work where lineside signals are not provided. It seeks Standards Committee approval on the recommendation and way forward following industry consultation and the replies to that consultation.

2. Background

- 2.1 Issue 4 of this module was published in September 2016 and a five-year review of its continued fitness for purpose became due. The outcome of that review was a recommendation approved by the Committee on 25 July 2023 to carry out consultation with industry on a proposed reissue of the module to give effect to changes to remove gender-specific language and safe work leader. The commitment is that these changes would be made no later than this review. Industry consultation has since been undertaken, and only one comment has been recorded which is not relevant to the topic consulted on.

3. Impacts of the document(s) following publication/entering into force

- 3.1 Consideration has been given to the following during the assessment:
- a Current projects or proposals being processed – Project 23-902 concerning NOPS amendments for publication in September 2023 includes an objective relating to the withdrawal by Network Rail of the competency of Safe work Leader (SWL). TOM SC agreed that removal of references in the Rule Book would be undertaken as opportunity permitted, with the objective of reissuing all affected documents no later than the next five-year review. The references to an SWL are in practice obsolete, as in every instance the SWL is referred to as an alternative to the involvement of an engineering supervisor (ES). As the SWL competency is no longer valid, the person referred to would now always be an ES.
 - b Limited change release – A limited change release of this module was published in November 2022 to give effect to the removal of gender-specific language from the Rule Book by replacing references to ‘pilotman’ and ‘manned level crossings’. It was agreed that this should occur as an interim measure, with reissue of all affected documents no later than the next five-year review.
 - c Enquiries – No enquiries have been recorded against this module on the Customer Relationship Management system (CRM).

4. Discussion

4.1 Review assessment

- 4.1 The only identified changes to this module are those arising from the removal of gender-specific language and references to the safe work leader competency. The former changes have already been published as a 'limited change release', and the latter have become obsolete as the responsibility would now lie with an engineering supervisor as already provide for in the rule concerned. As the commitment is to publish both changes no later than the next planned review of the module, consultation took place with industry as to whether the module should be republished to give effect to both types of change, although there are no other reasons identified for reissue
- 4.2 Four comments were received as a result of consultation, all of which suggest that whilst the module may remain fit for purpose for its original application on the Cambrian lines, it does not represent a model for future possession arrangements on ERTMS lines. In response it is suggested that a review should take place through the Future Rules and Standards Strategy Group, and that proposals developed should be taken forward as part of a future project.

5. Recommendations

5.1 The TOM SC is asked to:

- a DISCUSS the outcome of the five-year review and the following proposed recommendation:
 - i Action required:

No action is necessary at present, but the arrangements for possessions on ERTMS lines should be reviewed and a proposal submitted for alternative procedures to apply to future ERTMS deployments.
- b APPROVE:

The proposed response to consultation comments.

The conclusion of the review process.

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<i>Lead Standards Committee</i>	<i>Meeting date</i>	<i>Recommendation approved</i>	<i>Minute numbers</i>		<i>Next review date</i>
			<i>Pre-consultation review</i>	<i>Post-consultation review</i>	
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Appendix A Disposition table for document(s) recommended for withdrawal

A.1 Document number, title, issue [\[one table per document\]](#)

Clause number	Clause title	Way forward	Comments
		Withdraw	Why the clause is no longer needed

Appendix B Associated information to support the review

The information in this appendix is provided by the industry groups information manager to assist with the review. This appendix should be deleted prior to submitting the review form to the SCs.

Deviations	Current deviations: Nil	Deviations in progress: Nil
Request for Help	Outcome of resolved Requests for Help: Nil	
Proposals	Approved proposals: 22-902 23-902	Proposals not yet approved by the standards committee: Nil
7. RSSB Standards Programme	This document is currently not on the RSP.	
Amendments or clarifications		
Limited change releases	Published in November 2022 to include changes to remove gender-specific language that were published in the December 2022 Periodical operating Notice.	
Enquiries	There are currently no enquiries recorded against this document in the CRM.	
Business case for change	Nil	
Information from RMDB Note: update RMDB to reflect action/decision	Nil.	

Related documents:

Process procedure for the 12 month and five-year review of Railway Group Standards and other documents

