

Letter of Instruction: NR/BS/LI/309

Issue date: 17th September 2013

Compliance date: 31st March 2014 (see section 2, scope, for details)

Expiry date: On compliance date of NR/PLANT/0200/module P501 Issue 2

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Standards affected: NR/PLANT/0200/module P501 (Issue 1), Systems of Work & NR/PLANT/0200/module P509 (Issue 1), Trailers and Attachments

1 Reason for issue

Following a review of the risks involved in using rail trailers on Network Rail managed Infrastructure. Type 0B (park brake only) rail trailers are now prohibited from use.

This follows work by the Plant suppliers to upgrade their existing fleets of rail trailers to incorporate service braking – these trailers are designated as Type 0A.

All Rail Trailers shall be fitted with both service and parking brake systems to be used on Network Rail managed infrastructure.

These brakes shall be capable of being operated by the towing RRV.

Section 4 'Working on gradient and cant' of NR/PLANT/0200/module P501, "Systems of Work" and Module P509, "Trailers and Attachments" will be amended to include these requirements.

2 Scope

This Letter of Instruction applies to all Network Rail employees and Contractors' employees when planning and managing the use of Road Rail Vehicles (RRVs) and Rail Trailers on Network Rail managed infrastructure.

3 Changes

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4 Recipients

Name	Post
Jim Allenden	Professional Head, Plant & Traction & Rolling Stock
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5 Details of briefing or cascade communication process

No Briefings are planned to accompany this LOI. In addition to the distribution in section 4 the LOI will be cascaded to all Principal Contractors and Plant Operating Licence (POL) holders by the Professional Head of Plant & T+RS.



Authorisation of Standard Owner

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Authorisation of appropriate Delivery Function authority

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