

SAFE Notice 2020

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Amendments to ARTC NSW Network Rules and Procedures

General

Effective from 0001 hours Sunday 30th August 2020, ARTC will implement changes to the ARTC NSW Network Rules and Network Procedures as detailed in this SAFE Notice.

The amended Rules and Procedure are:

- ANSG 604 Indicators and Signs
- ANSG 608 Passing Signals at STOP
- ANSG 610 Passing Indicators at STOP, and
- ANPR 743 Manually Operating Handthrow Electric Points.

Rule ANSG 604, the wording within the Rule describes the meaning and action required by rail traffic crews when a “Steady yellow light” indication is displayed in a Main Line Indicator. The Rule has been amended to provide for instances where the Main Line Indicator operates up to a “colour light” or “mechanical” point indicator, with the word “mechanical” being removed on page 5.

Rule ANSG 610, the wording within the Purpose and Principle has been amended to provide for the requirements to pass “colour light” or “mechanical” point indicators in the STOP position, with the word “mechanical” being removed.

ARTC is to introduce ‘split detection of points’ on various crossovers on the Network. Split detection of points is designed to separately detect each end of the crossover, and to separately input the detection into the signalling system. If point detection fails on one end of the crossover, movements over the non-failed end of the route are permitted under certain conditions. To facilitate the introduction of split detection of points, several minor amendments have been made to Rule ANSG 608 Passing Signals at STOP and Procedure ANPR 743 Manually Operating Handthrow Electric Points.

Rule ANSG 608, has been amended to include an additional requirement and WARNING for Signallers under the heading of Condition of the block ahead on page 3. Signallers must make sure authority has not been given to rail traffic to pass the affected signal at STOP immediately protecting the points on the adjacent track, whilst rail traffic is approaching or passing the signal displaying a proceed indication prior to the points where split detection of points is provided.

Procedure ANPR 743, has been amended under the heading 'Introduction', with additional text relating to split detection of points.

Under the heading 'Handthrow points released by an EOL key', a new figure ANPR 743-5, WARNING and NOTE have been included.

The amended Network Rules and Procedure are available on the ARTC website located at <https://www.artc.com.au/customers/operations/rules-procedures/nsw/>

The Status sheets for Signals and Signs and Procedures have been updated accordingly.

Safeworking Arrangements

The work must be carried out as per the appropriate ARTC Network Rules and Procedures.

SAFE Notice recipients must ensure this SAFE Notice is circulated to and understood by all personnel affected by, or needing to know, its content.

SAFE Notices must be issued to all affected Competent Workers.

Competent Workers who receive a SAFE Notice must follow the requirements in the SAFE Notice.

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