

Overrun of limit of authority

Purpose

To prescribe the rules for dealing with an overrun of limit of authority in the Network.

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Principle

A movement overruns its limit of authority if, without authority, it:

- passes a signal at STOP, or
 - passes a sign that shows a limit of authority, or
 - exceeds the limit of a Special Proceed Authority (SPA), or
 - enters a block without the correct authority.
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Responding to overrun of limit of authority

Drivers or Track Vehicle Operators who find they have overrun a limit of authority must immediately:

- stop their rail traffic
- tell the Signaller.



Overrun of limit of authority

The Signaller must:

- stop rail traffic that has overrun its limit of authority and not stopped
- stop and prevent other movements that are at risk
- tell affected Drivers or Track Vehicle Operators to wait for further instructions
- if a starting or home/starting signal has been passed, tell affected Signallers
- tell the Network Controller.

The Network Controller must arrange to:

- determine the method of working to be used to move the rail traffic
- assess if the Driver or Track Vehicle Operator is fit to continue the journey
- tell the affected Operator’s Representative
- issue a Network Incident Notice (NIN).

If the movement that has overrun the limit of authority is to continue, the movement must be authorised by the Signaller.

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Network Procedures

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30 September 2018

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