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Handsignals

Purpose

To prescribe the rules for giving and responding to handsignals used in the Network.

Principle

Giving handsignals

Handsignals must be given:

- in a clear and timely manner, and
- so that they will be received and acted upon only by those who are being signalled.

A Handsignaller must:

- be in or have access to a safe place, and
- be in clear view of those who are being signalled, and
- as required, have effective communication with Signallers or Protection Officers.

Responding to handsignals

If the meaning of a handsignal is not understood, Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators must stop to find out the meaning.

Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators must:

- obey handsignals, and
 - acknowledge handsignals other than shunting handsignals.
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Handsignalling

Handsignals must be given using:

- flags or hands during daylight, and
- lights during darkness and low visibility.

A handsignal must be continued:

- for the PROCEED and CAUTION handsignal, until the cab of the leading rail vehicle has passed the Handsignaller, and
- for STOP handsignals, until the rail traffic has stopped.

If at a signal, a Handsignaller must:

- be able to see whether the signal is at STOP, and
- if rail traffic is required to stop, give a STOP handsignal until rail traffic has stopped.

If the signal being held at STOP clears, the Handsignaller must:

- tell the Signaller to set the signal at STOP, and
- tell the Protection Officer, if provided.

A Handsignaller must stand well away from signals if:

- rail traffic is not required to stop, or
 - not signalling at a signal.
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STOP handsignals

Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators must stop their trains or track vehicles if they, or other crew members, receive a STOP handsignal given by:

- a red flag, or
 - a red light, or
 - both hands held high.
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All CLEAR handsignals

Drivers or Track Vehicle Operators must sound the whistle to acknowledge an ALL CLEAR handsignal given by:

- a white light, or
 - one hand held high.
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DANGER handsignals

Drivers or Track Vehicle Operators must stop their trains or track vehicles immediately if they, or other crew members, receive a DANGER handsignal given by vigorous waving of arms, a flag or a light.





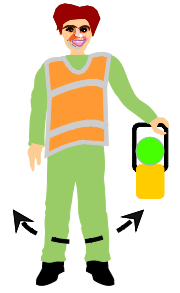



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The following diagrams show the handsignals that must be used in the Network.

Signal meaning	Using flags	Using lights	Using hands
STOP	 <p>Steady red flag</p>	 <p>Steady red light</p>	 <p>Both hands held high</p>
PROCEED AT CAUTION	 <p>Wave green flag slowly</p>	 <p>Wave green light slowly</p>	 <p>Wave arm slowly</p>
PROCEED AT NORMAL SPEED	 <p>Steady green flag</p>	 <p>Steady green light</p>	<p>Nil</p>



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Signal meaning	Using flags	Using lights	Using hands
<p>ALL CLEAR</p> <p>I am aware of your approach</p>	<p>Nil</p>	 <p>Steady white light</p>	 <p>One hand held up</p>

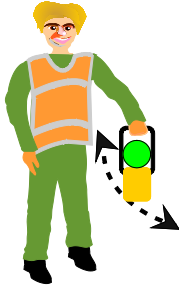
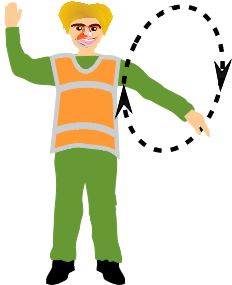
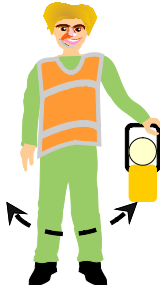

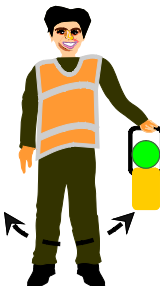

Shunting handsignals

Shunting handsignals must be given as necessary until the end of the planned movement.

Signal meaning	Using lights	Using hands
<p>MOVE AWAY</p>	 <p>Swing white light backwards and forwards beside the body</p>	 <p>Move hand and forearm in circular motion</p>

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Signal meaning	Using lights	Using hands
MOVE AWAY AT CAUTION	 <p>Swing green light backwards and forwards beside the body</p>	 <p>Move one hand and forearm in circular motion, with other hand raised high</p>
MOVE TOWARDS ME	 <p>Wave white light slowly</p>	 <p>Wave arm slowly overhead</p>
MOVE TOWARDS ME AT CAUTION	 <p>Wave green light slowly</p>	 <p>Wave one arm slowly over head, with other hand raised high</p>

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Network Procedures

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