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Suspending a System of Safeworking

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Purpose

To prescribe the rules for suspending *a system of Safeworking* in the *Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway(OTHR) Network*.

Principle

A system of Safeworking *may* be suspended only if the methods of *special working* will not allow *train services*.

A system of Safeworking may be suspended only on the authority of the Network Operations Manager, (OTHR).

The suspension may be implemented through the officer holding the position of:

- Network Operations Manager.

Officers implementing suspension *must* be assured:

- workers can carry out their duties safely, and
- *rail traffic travelling* under the suspension of the system of Safeworking can do so safely.

During suspension of a system of Safeworking, the method of working introduced in its place must use as much as possible of:

- the principles of the suspended system of Safeworking, and
- the normal procedures of the suspended system of Safeworking.

Suspending the system of Safeworking

Before suspending the system of Safeworking, an implementing officer must:

- determine that a method of special working will not allow train services, and
- *issue* written and signed instructions about the method of working to be used, and
- direct that planned movements be safe, and that conflicting movements not be permitted.

The implementing officer must arrange for copies of the instructions to be given to:

- *Train Controllers* for the affected areas
- affected Signallers at attended locations



- affected Train Crews and track vehicle crews
- other affected workers.

Ensuring safety under the special working

The implementing officer must make sure that the instructions:

- specify the limits for the *authorised* movements, and
- do not permit conflicting *routes* to be set, and
- specify how signals at STOP are to be passed.

The implementing officer must be assured that:

- *effective communication* will be established, and
- issued *Proceed Authorities* for movements in the affected areas have been *cancelled* or *fulfilled*, and
- if necessary, rail traffic in the affected areas has come to a stand, and
- before it is authorised to do so, other rail traffic will not enter affected portions of line.

The implementing officer must make sure that the instructions require that:

- *level crossings*, worksites and obstructions are protected, and
- *facing points* for movements are *secured*, and
- if available, *fixed signals* are cleared.

Ending the suspension

The Network Operations Manager, (OTHR) must arrange for the implementing officer to:

- give Train Controllers for the affected areas written and signed instructions to end the suspension of a system of Safeworking, and
- make sure that Train Controllers advise affected workers.



Related OTHR Network Procedures

OTPR 721	Spoken and written communication
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