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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Practice (CoP) is to provide rail transport operators (RTO) a consistent approach to the development and maintenance of network rules.

1.2 Scope

The scope includes guidance on how to:

- adopt the Australian Harmonised Network Rules;
- facilitate the development of network rules;
- adopt a risk management approach to development and management of network rules;
- maintain network rules;
- change a network rule;
- ensure the skills and knowledge of persons writing network rules.

1.3 Out of scope

This CoP does not include requirements, recommendations or guidance relating to:

- training of network rules;
- developing network procedures and instructions;
- other documents that do not meet the definition of network rules.

1.4 Defined terms and abbreviations

Generic rail industry terms and definitions are provided in the RISSB Glossary

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network rule

minimum mandatory requirement or an action to be applied by workers within a rail corridor or those managing a railway network to reduce risk so far as is reasonably practicable

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