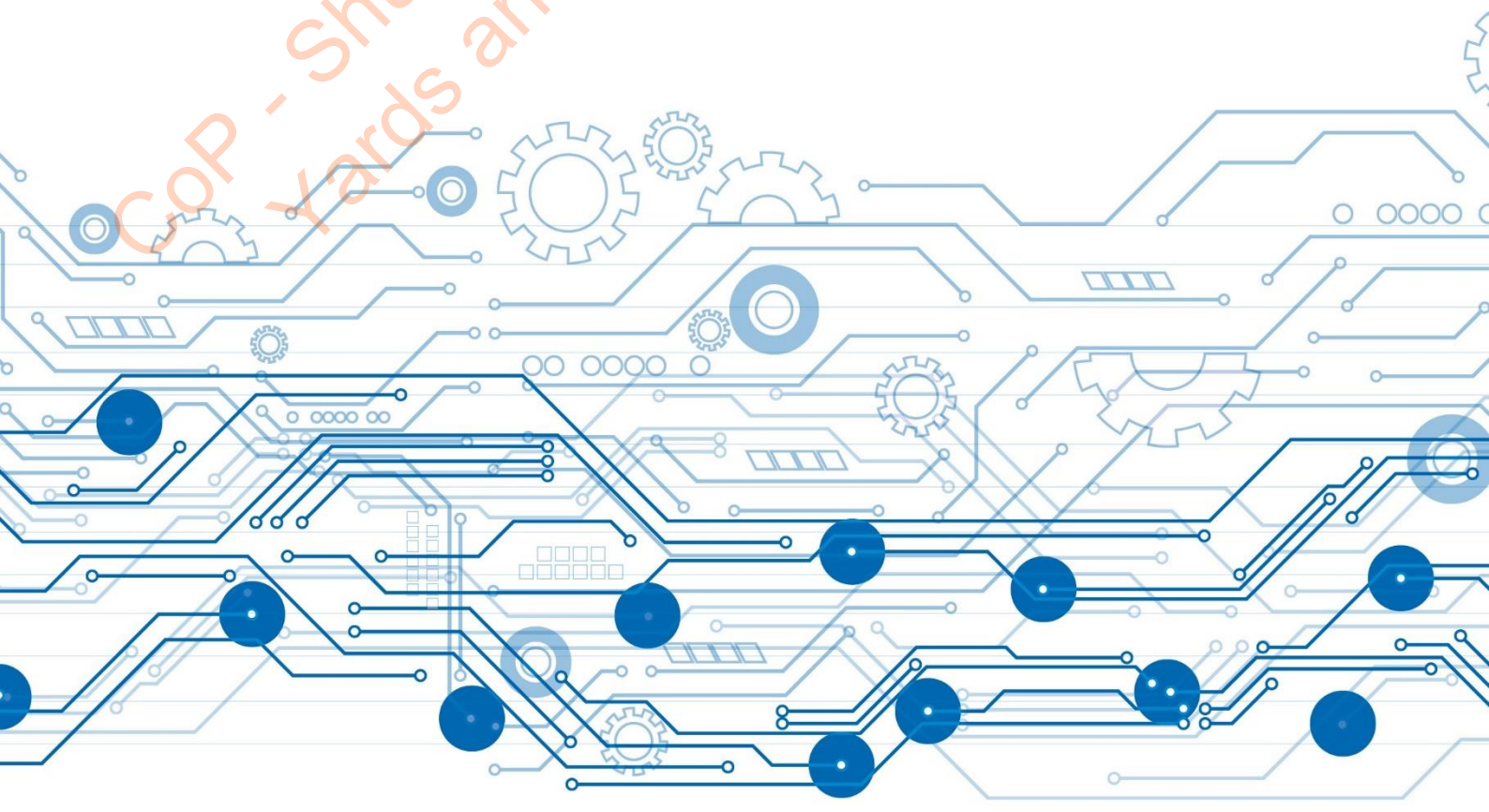


Code of Practice - Shunting Operations in Terminals, Yards and Maintenance Facilities

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Section 1 Scope and General

1.1 Purpose

This Code of Practice (CoP) aims to provide a consistent approach to managing shunting operations within rail terminals, yards and maintenance facilities.

This CoP complements the network rules and procedures implemented for shunting and marshalling by Rail Infrastructure Managers and, where applicable, should be read in conjunction with those rules.

1.2 Scope

This CoP provides principles and practices for the safe management of shunting operations by rail safety workers within the railyard.

The practices in this CoP apply to all entities working in the Australian rail industry. This includes all rail transport operators, contractors, and any third parties whose personnel engage in shunting operations.

This CoP does not cover any information related to loading operations. The Code of Practice for Loading of Rail Freight describes a common practice for loading freight on rail vehicles.

1.3 Referenced documents

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document:

- ANRP 4013 Shunting & Marshalling
- Operational Concept for the Australian Rail Network.
- RISSB Code of practice: Safety critical communication.

1.4 Defined terms and abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply:

1.4.1

Competent Worker

a worker certified as competent to carry out a relevant task

1.4.2

Consist

a listed order of rolling stock arranged to make up a complete train.

1.4.3

Danger Zone

within 3m horizontally from the nearest rail and any distance above or below this 3m unless a safe place exists or has been created.

1.4.4

Hand brake

device to secure a rolling stock against movement.

1.4.5

Motive Power Unit

rolling stock used to provide the power to move itself or other rolling stock

1.4.6

PICSO

person in charge of shunt operations