

Manual Movements within a ZIKS protected area – Network Wide**Purpose:**

This Safe Notice has been compiled to provide greater clarity in relation to the movement of manually operated rail traffic within a ZIKS protected area within the MTS Network.

This Safe Notice CANCELS and SUPERSEDES SAFE NOTICE 2025 - 013 and is in effect from 18 DECEMBER 2025 to 16 JUNE 2026.

Introduction:

The authorisation of manual rail traffic movements within a ZIKS protected area whilst ZIKS protection is active is prohibited.

Exception for Manual Movements within the Test Track in ZIKS Zone 8 at SMTF-N:

Manual rail traffic movements may take place within ZIKS Zone 8 whilst ZIKS protection is active provided all of the following conditions have been met:

- DTC must ensure no other work groups are permitted to lock on and enter ZIKS Zone 8 whilst manual movements are being undertaken.
- Supervising Qualified Worker must ensure manual rail traffic movements are within the limits of the Test Track only.
- DTC must confirm RTF38 points have been locked in a position to mitigate the transit of rail traffic from the Test Track to any other track.
- DTC must confirm RTF37 points have been locked in a position to prevent the entry of any rail traffic into ZIKS Zone 8.
- All other requirements within MPR 708 Using SPKS and ZIKS Keys have been implemented.
- All other established work processes and procedures not listed must be followed.
- Prior to a manual movement taking place within the Test Track, the Rail Traffic Operator must ensure all personnel are present inside the trainset OR in a Safe Place outside of the Danger Zone.
- Prior to the exit of any personnel from the trainset during work activities, it must be confirmed that Brakes have been applied by the Rail Traffic Operator.
- DTC and supervising Qualified Worker must be in possession of and make reference to this Safe Notice and the above conditions in the application of this exception. Adherence must be noted in permanent form.

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