STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1941

TRANSPORT

The Railways (Notice of Accidents) Order 1980

Made - - - - 15*th December* 1980

Coming into Operation 1*st January* 1981

The Minister of Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Regulation of Railways Act 1871(**a**), as extended by section 13(2) of the Railway Employment (Prevention of Accidents) Act 1900(**b**) and amended by section 43(1) of the Road and Rail Traffic Act 1933(**c**), and now vested in him (**d**), and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement, revocation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Railways (Notice of Accidents) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1981.

(2) The Railways (Notice of Accidents) Order 1965(**e**) is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

2. In this Order:

"the 1871 Act" means the Regulation of Railways Act 1871;

"the 1933 Act" means the Road and Rail Traffic Act 1933;

"freight train" includes a mineral or empty stock train;

"major injury" means personal injury involving:

(*a*) fracture of the skull, spine or pelvis;

(*b*) fracture of any bone—

(i) in the arm, other than a bone in the wrist or hand;

(ii) in the leg, other than a bone in the ankle or foot;

(*c*) amputation of a hand or foot;

(*d*) loss of the sight of an eye; or

(*e*) any injury which results in the person injured being admitted into hospital as an in-patient for more than 24 hours, unless that person is detained only for observation;

(**a**) 1871 c. 78. (**b**) 1900 c. 27. (**c**) 1933 c. 53.
(**d**) 1919 c. 50; S.R. & O. 1919/1440; S.I. 1970/1681 and 1979/571.
(**e**) S.I. 1965/2119.

"minor injury" means a personal injury which is not a major injury and which, in the case of a person who is an employee either of the railway or of a contractor to the railway, prevents that person for more than three days from earning full wages at the work at which he was employed;

"notifiable accident" means an accident of a kind specified in Schedule 1 to this Order;

"railway" means the whole or any portion of a railway or tramway which has been authorised by any special Act of Parliament or by any Certificate or Order under an Act of Parliament.

Kinds of accident requiring notification

3.—(1) The kinds of accident specified in paragraph 1 and in sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to this Order are those specified in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of Section 6 of the 1871 Act (as modified by the 1933 Act) as requiring reporting to the Minister by the railway on which they occur.

(2) The kinds of accident specified in Schedule 1 to this Order, other than those described in paragraph (1) of Article 3 of this Order, are hereby specified as accidents requiring to be reported to the Minister by the railway on which they occur in accordance with paragraph (4) of Section 6 of the 1871 Act.

Notification by telegraph

4. Notice of the following classes of notifiable accident shall be sent by telegraph or telephone to the Minister and followed by a written notice in the form prescribed by Article 5:—

(*a*) any accident which causes the death of any person;

(*b*) any accident to a train which causes major injury to any person;

(*c*) any accident which is of a serious or unusual character or likely to lead to prolonged disruption of any rail service.

Prescribed forms of notice

5.—(1) The notices (otherwise than by telegraph and telephone) of all notifiable accidents shall be given subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

(2) Every such notice shall be given in the appropriate form or forms set out in Schedule 2 to this Order, or as nearly in that form as circumstances admit, in accordance with the following provisions:—

(*a*) Form A shall be the appropriate form for all accidents other than accidents at level crossings;

(*b*) Form B shall be the appropriate form for all accidents at level crossings;

(*c*) the forms specified in column (1) in the Table below shall be the appropriate forms for the classes of accidents specified in column (2) of that Table in relation to each such form. The notice given on Forms C, D, E and F shall be additional to that given on Form A or Form B as the case may require.

TABLE

(1)	(2)
Form C	Failures of wheels or tyres.
Form D	Failures of axles.
Form E	Fractured rails.
Form F	Trains becoming divided.
Form G1	Certain non-fatal movement accidents to passengers resulting in minor injury, as indicated on the form.
Form G2	Certain non-fatal non-movement accidents to persons other than railway employees, contractors' employees and trespassers, as indicated on the form.
Form G3	Certain non-fatal non-movement accidents to railway employees and contractors' employees resulting in minor injury, as indicated on the form.
Form H	Certain open door accidents on a passenger coach that do not cause injury to any person, as indicated on the form.

(3) All notices of accidents required to be submitted on Forms A or B shall be despatched to the Minister by the earliest practicable post and all other forms shall be despatched as soon as practicable after the end of the month to which the form refers.

(4) All notices of accidents to persons other than passengers and trespassers shall be submitted in triplicate; all other notices shall be submitted in duplicate. The notices shall be dated and signed and addressed to the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Transport.

(5) Every notice of the failure of a boiler, tyre or axle shall be accompanied by a diagram with particulars of the construction and failure, and by a description of the nature of the materials of which the boiler, tyre or axle was composed and the amount of work it had performed.

Norman Fowler,
Minister of Transport

15th December 1980.

SCHEDULE 1

ACCIDENTS OCCURRING IN THE WORKING OF A RAILWAY WHICH ARE REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS

1. *Accidents to persons*

Any accident attended with loss of life or major or minor personal injury to any person whomsoever.

2. *Accidents to rolling stock, obstructions on the permanent way and level crossing incidents*

(*a*) Any collision where one of the trains is a passenger train;

(*b*) any passenger train or any part of a passenger train accidentally leaving the rails;

(*c*) any collision, other than in a siding, where a passenger train is not involved and which does not take place during shunting operations;

(*d*) any case of a vehicle or vehicles, other than a passenger train or a part of a passenger train, accidentally leaving the rails other than in a siding and which does not take place during shunting operations;

(*e*) any case of a train becoming divided other than in a siding and which does not take place during shunting operations;

(*f*) any collision, derailment or division which occurs in a siding and which results in a line which is not a siding becoming obstructed;

(*g*) any locomotive, train or railway vehicle striking any horse, cattle, sheep or other beast, buffer stop, or any other structure or obstruction, other than in a siding;

(*h*) any locomotive, train or railway vehicle:

(i) striking the gate or gates of any level crossing; or

(ii) running when not authorised to do so, onto any level crossing;

(*j*) any failure of the equipment of a level crossing which could endanger users of the road or path crossing the railway;

(*k*) any aircraft or vehicle of any kind landing on, or running onto, and coming to rest foul of the line.

3. *Accidents involving the locomotive or other power unit or any rolling stock*

(*a*) The bursting of a boiler;

(*b*) the failure of a rope in working an incline;

(*c*) the failure of a wheel or tyre (including loose tyres unfit to run);

(*d*) the failure of an axle;

(*e*) the failure of any part of a traction unit or other vehicle which causes or is likely to cause an accident to a passenger train or to kill or injure any person;

(*f*) any fire, severe electrical arcing or fusing in any part of a passenger train or in a power unit thereof, or any serious fire, severe electrical arcing or fusing in a freight train or in a power unit thereof.

4. *Accidents involving the permanent way or any works on or connected with a railway*

(*a*) The fracture of a rail in the permanent way other than in a siding;

(*b*) the buckling of the track other than in a siding;

(*c*) the failure of the roof or any important part of a station;

(*d*) the runaway of an escalator, lift or passenger conveyor;

(*e*) any serious fire in any signal box or at a station or involving damage to any bridge or viaduct on a railway, and any fire or severe arcing or fusing on any part of a railway arising from electrical equipment or which seriously affects the functioning of electrical signalling equipment.

5. *Accidents involving the permanent way or any works on or connected with a railway which cause or are likely to cause an accident to a train, locomotive or railway vehicle or to hazard the safety of any person*

(*a*) The failure of a tunnel, bridge, viaduct, culvert, or other structure or any part of them including the fixed electrical equipment of an electrified railway;

(*b*) any slip in a cutting or of an embankment other than one which affects only sidings;

(*c*) the failure of a revetment wall other than one which affects only sidings;

(*d*) the flooding of a portion of the permanent way other than of sidings;

(*e*) the striking of a bridge by a road vehicle or its load;

(*f*) the failure of any other portion of the permanent way or works not specified above.

SCHEDULE 2

FORM A

(To be forwarded in duplicate, or in triplicate if it relates to an accident to a person other than a passenger or a trespasser.)

RETURN OF ANY ACCIDENT NOT AT A LEVEL CROSSING

.....Region/Railway. Reference Number.....

Date and time of accident	
Place at which accident occurred	
Whether accident occurred in a building and if so the nature of the building	

Nature and circumstances of accident

Particulars of person(s) killed or injured

Mr. Mrs. Miss	Name	Age	Nature of injury	Status* and duty at time of accident	Date entered railway service

**Whether an employee of the Railway, or of a contractor (giving in either case the grade), passenger, trespasser, person on business or other person.*

Signature.....

Date.....19.....

FORM B

(To be forwarded in duplicate, or in triplicate if it relates to an accident to a person other than a passenger or a trespasser.)

RETURN OF AN ACCIDENT AT A LEVEL CROSSING

.....Region/Railway. Reference Number.....

Date and time of accident	
Name, status and location of crossing	

Nature and circumstances of accident, including particulars of damage to trains and works

Particulars of person(s) killed or injured

Mr. Mrs. Miss	Name	Age	Nature of injury	Status* and duty at time of accident	Date entered railway service

**Whether an employee of the Railway, or of a contractor (giving in either case the grade), passenger, trespasser, person on business or other person*

Particulars of Level Crossing

Are road signals/barriers/gates/wickets provided?—specify which ..... Do gates close alternately across railway and road? Are gates equipped with either targets or discs and lamps?—specify which ..... At the time of the accident were the gates authorised to be kept normally across the road or railway? ...	
Are signals provided? ..... If so, are they interlocked with gates? ..... If not a public crossing, is a telephone provided?	
How is crossing controlled and worked; ..... are wickets controlled, and ..... how is warning of approach of train given?	
(1) Clear visibility—distance in metres:— (*a*) from Up train to gates across line or vehicle crossing. ..... (*b*) from Down train to gates across line or vehicle crossing. ..... (*c*) from gates or barriers, when closed across road, along line (*i*) from Up side to Up train ..... (*ii*) from Up side to Down train ..... (*iii*) from Down side to Up train ..... (*iv*) from Down side to Down train ..... (2) Maximum speed of trains (*a*) Up line ..... (*b*) Down line	 (*a*) (*b*) (*i*) (*ii*) (*iii*) (*iv*) (*a*) (*b*)

Signature.....

Date.....19.....

(To be forwarded in duplicate)

FORM C

RETURN OF FAILURES OF WHEELS OR TYRES (INCLUDING LOOSE TYRES UNFIT TO RUN) DURING THE MONTH OF

.....19.....

.....Region/Railway. Reference Number.....

<table>
<tr><td colspan="3">Place found
Date found</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="4">Description of vehicle belonging to:—</td><td rowspan="3">British Railways</td><td>Locomotive</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Passenger vehicle</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Freight vehicle</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Others (including owner's name)</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Description of tyre</td><td colspan="2">Was tyre above or below the specified minimum thickness?</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Diameter of wheel</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Particulars of failure</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Did tyre or portion of it leave the wheel?</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Did accident result? If so, date of report on Form A or B</td><td></td></tr>
</table>

Remarks

Signature.....

Date.....19.....

(To be forwarded in duplicate)

FORM D

RETURN OF FAILURES OF AXLES DURING THE MONTH OF

.....19.....

.....Region/Railway. Reference Number.....

<table>
<tr><td colspan="3">Place found
Date found</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="4">Description of vehicle belonging to:—</td><td rowspan="3">British Railways</td><td>Locomotive</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Passenger vehicle</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Freight Vehicle</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Others (including owner's name)</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Whether driving or carrying axle</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Type of axlebox; whether plain or roller bearing</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Nature of defect</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Age and mileage, if known, and when last tested for cracks or flaws</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Did accident result? If so, date of Report on Form A or B</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Was the vehicle loaded or empty?</td><td></td></tr>
</table>

Remarks

Signature.....

Date.....19.....

(To be forwarded in duplicate)

FORM E

RETURN OF FRACTURED RAILS DURING THE MONTH OF

.....19.....

.....Region/Railway. Reference Number.....

Date when fracture was discovered	Place, including whether passenger or freight line, and on which track	Grade of steel and date of manufacture	Date when first brought into use	Weight per unit length		Position of fracture showing whether at weld, through bolt, hole, or over chair, etc. and at which end	British Railways Rail Failure Classif-ication	REMARKS (Including whether accident resulted and, if so, date of Report on Form A or B, and whether rail was previously used in another location. State whether continuous welded rail, long welded rail or jointed rail.
				When new	At time of fracture			

Signature .....

Date .....19.....

(To be forwarded in duplicate)

FORM F

RETURN OF CASES OF TRAINS BECOMING DIVIDED DURING THE MONTH OF

.....19.....

.....Region/Railway. Reference Number.....

NOTES—Separate forms should be rendered for (A) Passenger Trains and (B) Freight Trains. Each incident should be entered on a separate line

Day of Month	Description of train			Description of vehicle					Type of failure			Did division occur during running or when starting or stopping?		Cause of failure		Did accident result? If so, date of Report on Form A or B
	Class	Type of motive power (1)	Whether double-headed	Position in train	Type	Owner	Type of brake in use (2)	Type of coupling (3)	Uncoupling or release of automatic couplings	Pulling out or breakage of drawbars or hooks	Breakage of screw shackles or coupling links	Running	Starting or stopping	Defective material	Mis-management	
TOTAL																

(1) *Abbreviations, S, Steam; D, Diesel; EMU, Electric Multiple Unit, etc., may be used.*
(2) *Abbreviations, V, Vacuum; AA, Automatic air; EP, Electro-pneumatic, etc., may be used.*
(3) *Abbreviations, A, Automatic; S, Screw; I, Instanter; 3L, 3-link, etc., may be used.*

Signature .....

Date .....19.....

(To be forwarded in duplicate)

FORM G1

Return of certain* NON-FATAL MOVEMENT Accidents to PASSENGERS resulting in MINOR INJURY during the month of

.....19.....

.....Region/Railway. Reference Number.....

Category	Number of Casualties
Minor injury caused:—	
1. by falling off platforms and being struck or run over by trains.	
2. by crossing lines at stations and being struck or run over by trains. ..	
3. by falling out of carriages during the running of trains.	
4. by falling between trains and platforms or on to platforms, ballast, etc.	
(*a*) when entering trains.	(*a*)
(*b*) when alighting from trains.	(*b*)
5. by (*a*) opening or	(*a*)
(*b*) closing of carriage doors at stations.	(*b*)
6. by power worked doors, on trains either moving or stationary.	
7. by stone throwing.	
8. by miscellaneous accidents not included in the above and not required to be reported separately.	

**Notes*—1. *Accidents must be reported separately on Forms A or B when caused by a collision or derailment of a train or by a fire on a train.*

2. *Accidents that are reported separately must not be included in the monthly figures.*

Signature.....

Date.....19.....

(To be forwarded in duplicate)

FORM G2

Return of certain *NON-FATAL NON-MOVEMENT Accidents to PERSONS OTHER THAN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS' EMPLOYEES OR TRESPASSERS during the month of .....19.....

.....Region/Railway. Reference Number.....

Category	Number of Casualties	
	Major Injuries	Minor Injuries
A. Passengers Injury caused:— 1. when using escalators or passenger conveyors.... 2. in connection with power-worked doors of lifts. . 3. by ascending or descending steps at stations. .... 4. by being struck by barrows (hand or mechanically propelled) or luggage falling therefrom. ..... 5. by falling over packages, colliding with or tripping over obstructions on or adjacent to platforms, etc. 6. by falling from platforms on to the line. ..... 7. when crossing the line at stations. ..... 8. by slipping, stumbling or falling on platforms or footbridges or in subways, etc. ..... 9. by miscellaneous accidents not included in the above and not required to be reported separately.		
B. Persons on Business Injury caused:— 1. by falling of goods, wagon flaps, partitions, etc., or the opening or closing of doors of vehicles. ..... 2. by loading, unloading or sheeting road or rail vehicles, through falling from or when getting on or off such vehicles, or through being struck by road vehicles. ..... 3. by slipping or falling on platforms, steps, etc., or falling off scaffolding, ladders, etc. ..... 4. by the moving of goods in stations, or collisions with barrows (hand or mechanically propelled), etc. . 5. by miscellaneous accidents not included in the above and not required to be reported separately.		
C. Persons other than Passengers, Persons on Business, Trespassers or employees of the railway or of a contractor to the railway Injury caused:— 1. by ascending or descending steps at stations, or falling on platforms, etc. ..... 2. by being struck by barrows (hand or mechanically propelled) or falling over obstructions. ..... 3. by miscellaneous accidents not included in the above and not required to be reported separately.		

*FOR NOTES SEE OVERLEAF

*NOTES—1. *The following classes of accident must be reported separately on Forms A or B:—*

(*a*) *contact with live electrical equipment;*
(*b*) *when due to defects in rolling stock, permanent way or part of station premises;*
(*c*) *when due to the carelessness of employees of either the railway or a contractor to the railway;*
(*d*) *when assisting at cranes;*
(*e*) *when involving circumstances of an exceptional or unusual character.*

2. *Accidents which are reported separately must not be included in the monthly figures.*

Signature.....

Date.....19.....

(To be forwarded in duplicate)

FORM G3

Return of certain *NON-FATAL NON-MOVEMENT Accidents to RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS' EMPLOYEES resulting in MINOR INJURY during the month of

.....19.....

.....Region/Railway. Reference Number.....

Category	Number of Casualties	
	Railway Employees	Contractors' Employees
Injury caused:—		
1. by being struck by vehicles (other than rail).		
2. by being struck by suspended loads, turntables, doors or equipment.		
3. by being struck by falling objects, doors or equipment.		
4. by being struck by sparks, flying particles or chippings.		
5. by contact with vehicles, obstructions, buildings, etc., whilst on road vehicles.		
6. by contact with vehicles, obstructions, buildings, etc., in other circumstances.		
7. by slipping or falling from rail or road vehicles, or being thrown from road vehicles.		
8. by slipping, falling or being thrown from platforms, ladders, staging, etc., or into pits or holes.		
9. by slipping, falling, tripping or being thrown in other circumstances.		
10. by being trapped in or by road vehicles.		
11. by being trapped by doors, equipment or goods, or by chains, ropes or lifting tackle, etc.		
12. when lifting or moving goods, equipment or materials, etc.		
13. when operating signal and points levers, ground points, gates, etc.		
14. when lifting or lowering couplings on stationary rail vehicles.		
15. by fire, fumes, steam or explosions, and by scalding or injurious liquids.		
16. when using hand or manual tools.		
17. by miscellaneous accidents not included in the above and not required to be reported separately.		

*FOR NOTES SEE OVERLEAF

*NOTES—1. *minor injuries resulting from non-movement accidents must be reported on Forms A or B separately when caused by:—*

(a) *failure of a structure or machine;*
(b) *contact with live electrical components;*
(c) *machinery in motion;*
(d) *any other accident which might be considered of an exceptional or unusual character.*

2. *Injuries that are reported separately must not be included in the monthly figures.*

Signature.....

Date.....19.....

(To be forwarded in duplicate)

FORM H

Return of OPEN DOOR ACCIDENTS NOT CAUSING INJURY to any person during the month of

.....19.....

.....Region/Railway. Reference Number.....

Category	Number of incidents
Open doors on a Passenger Train struck by another train	
,, ,, ,, striking a lineside object	

Note: Accidents that are reported separately must not be included in the monthly figures.

Signature.....

Date.....19.....

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order specifies certain classes of accidents on railways and railway premises which are to be reported to the Minister of Transport and contains provisions relating to the form and manner in which railway accidents are to be reported. The Order applies to statutory railways and tramways. It supersedes the Railways (Notice of Accidents) Order 1965.

The most significant addition to the classes of reportable accident brought about by this Order is the inclusion of accidents to trains on freight lines and accidents involving the permanent way and works of freight lines.

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