



OFFICE of
RAIL REGULATION

Notice under section 12(2) of the Railways Act 1993 (as amended) ("the Act") and regulation 13(2) of the Railway (Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2005 ("the Regulations")

1. Recipients of this notice have been granted licences to operate trains, stations, networks and/or light maintenance depots under section 8 of the Act, subject to conditions contained in each licence. Pursuant to Schedule 4 of the Regulations, some recipients also hold European licences together with statements of national regulatory provisions ("SNRPs"), which are subject to conditions contained in each SNRP.

2. The Office of Rail Regulation ("ORR") hereby gives notice, pursuant to section 12(2) of the Act and regulation 13(2) of the Regulations, of its proposal to modify licences and SNRPs as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this notice.

3. Under ORR's proposed modifications, the licences and SNRPs listed in Schedule 1 to this notice will be modified in the manner set out in that Schedule. In summary, the proposed modifications will replace the text of existing licences and SNRPs with that of the new model licences and the new model SNRPs (respectively). The new model licences and the new model SNRPs are available on the ORR website at:

<http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/server/show/nav.00100b001007>.

4. The licences and SNRPs listed in Schedule 2 contain special or bespoke conditions. ORR proposes that these licences and SNRPs shall be modified, where appropriate, by replacing their text with that of the new model licences and the new model SNRPs (respectively), subject to the specific modifications set out in that Schedule. The specific modifications are designed to preserve the bespoke aspects of these licences and SNRPs.

5. The reasons for the proposed modifications and the effects that they would have are explained in the document *Licensing Review: Conclusions*, ORR, January 2006, available at: <http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/upload/pdf/271.pdf>. In summary the modifications aim to simplify existing licences and SNRPs, while taking account of the Railways Act 2005 and recent changes to the European licensing regime.

6. Any representations or objections to the proposed modifications should be made in writing before 5.00 pm on 2 March 2006. Please address these to:

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Please copy responses by email to: julia.christie@orr.gsi.gov.uk.

7. Respondents should indicate clearly if they wish all or part of their response to remain confidential to ORR. Otherwise, it is expected that they will be placed in the ORR library and on the ORR website, and may be quoted from by ORR. Where a representation or objection is made in confidence, it should be accompanied by a summary statement excluding the confidential information. This statement may be published, placed in the ORR library and on the ORR website and quoted from by ORR. ORR may also publish respondents' names in future documents or on its website, unless a respondent indicates that it wishes its name to be withheld.

8. Following the close of the consultation period on 2 March 2006, the ORR will consider any representations and objections which are duly made and not withdrawn. Subject to the consideration of any representations and objections, and to receipt of the necessary consent of licence and SNRP holders, ORR will proceed with the modifications.

9. Copies of this notice will be published on the ORR website (www.rail-reg.gov.uk) and will be placed in the ORR library.

Sarah Straight
Director, Rail Markets, Passengers and Freight

Dated 2 February 2006 □

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