Rail Freight Operations Group (RFOG)
Top 5 Key Messages – 19 December 2019

The 5 key messages from the meeting were:

1. **RIS-3702-TOM Route knowledge**
   
   Glen Brunsden, RSSB, thanked the group for their feedback which aided the development of the new route learning RIS and outlined the key changes. The group agreed that the next step was for them all to make the necessary changes to their own Operating Management Systems and associated company standards.

2. **3D Visual Simulations Ltd Training**
   
   Brendan Morris, the CEO, provided the group with a demonstration of the work he has been doing with GB Train Operating Companies (TOCs) and other operators around the world to show how simulators on tablets can complement traditional methods of training. The group were also engaged by the ability of linking the simulator, which was presented on both iPhone and iPad, to the competence management systems to register the activity of drivers and guards in scenarios that are difficult to simulate in real life.

3. **5/15 checks after three years of no related incidents**
   
   Since all Freight Operating Companies (FOCs) amended their Supplementary Operating Procedures three years ago to mandate a maximum of 5mph in a worksite and 15mph in the possession, zero collisions have taken place. The Chair of the group has now asked that all FOC’s check their procedures to ensure that they are still clear and robust and that they ensure that unobtrusive monitoring of the On Train Data Recorder (OTDR) is still taking place. This is for the purpose of drive compliance, as this is a record the group wish to improve on.

4. **New Rule Book Module TW4**
   
   Gerald Riley, RSSB, thanked the group for their input into the new rule book module TW4 which will go live in 2020. This new module will incorporate the pink and white pages into the rule book giving the majority of FOC’s who all use the Rule Book App ease of access. A new Handbook will also be produced to show some of the general information covered in the Pink and White pages. Work continues with the development of the new Green pages RIS, which will also include health risks such as musculoskeletal disorders, with an aim to publish in September 2020.

5. **Signal sighting concerns**
   
   The group have discussed on several occasions the risks both to safety and performance when FOCs are not represented at new signal sighting schemes. Over the last few years, representatives have been identified, however, not all schemes are being covered which presents a risk to the FOCs. RFOG are now escalating their concerns to NFSG with the objective of identifying a new plan for all FOCs to contribute to mitigate the risk.

If you have any questions, or wish to contact the group, please email RFOG@rssb.co.uk