

# Rail / Road Interface Obligations under the Rail Safety Act 2008

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# Background

- National Model Legislation (NML)
- Rail Safety Act 2008 (RSA 2008) and Regulations commenced 1 January 2009
  - Adopts NML with some local variations
  - Retains requirements for interface coordination between rail transport operators
  - Introduces requirements for interface coordination between RIMs and Roads Authorities (Note: 3-year transition)



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# Background (cont.)

- Key differences between RSA 2002 and RSA 2008
  - New terms e.g. ‘rail transport operator’, ‘rail infrastructure manager’, ‘interface agreement’
  - Changes to definitions e.g. ‘private siding’
  - New provisions e.g. rail / road interface obligations



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# Preliminary Concepts & Definitions

- RIM
- Roads authority
- Public road
- Crown road
- Rail or road crossing
- Railway crossing
- Road and Road Work
- See section 25 of RSA 2008



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# Interface Agreement Requirements

- What is an Interface Agreement?
- Sections 25 & 31 of RSA 2008
- Template Interface Agreement



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# Obligations of RIMs & Roads Authorities

- Section 26 – interface coordination obligations of ***rail transport operators***
- Section 27 – interface coordination obligations of ***RIMs*** in relation to ***public roads***
- Section 28 - interface coordination obligations of ***RIMs*** in relation to ***roads other than public roads***
- Section 29 – interface coordination obligations of ***Roads Authorities***
- Section 30 - assessment of risks



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# Obligations of RIMs & Roads Authorities (cont.)

- Section 33 – RIMs and Roads Authorities required to have register of interface agreements
- Failure to comply with section 33 is an offence.



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# Compliance & Enforcement

- Section 32 – appointed person may direct interface arrangements to be made
- Failure to comply with a direction issued under section 32 is an offence
- ITSRR approach to compliance and enforcement



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# Need more information?

- See the ITSRR website  
<http://www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au>
  - Rail Safety Legislation
  - Interface Agreements Fact Sheet
  - Template interface agreement
  - Guidance on using the template interface agreement
- Email [contact@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au](mailto:contact@transportregulator.nsw.gov.au) if you have further questions



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# Questions?



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