

RIS-3279-TOM – Rail Industry standard for High Visibility Clothing

GORT3279 High Visibility Clothing, issue eight, duplicated common European requirements for 'providing staff with relevant safety equipment', in particular those set out in:

- a) Common Safety Method for assessing conformity with the requirements for obtaining a railway safety authorisation (EU 1169/2010).
- b) Common Safety Method for assessing conformity with the requirements for obtaining railway safety certificates (EU 1158/2010).

It is therefore formally 'redundant' as a National Safety Rule, and therefore also as a Railway Group Standard. As a consequence, it has been withdrawn.

However, the content of GORT3279 provides a basis for 'the infrastructure manager (IM) and railway undertakings (RUs) to provide staff with relevant safety equipment'. It also sets out the industry's agreed allocation on the minimum technical criteria of high visibility clothing for use by staff on the GB mainline railway [the 'GB mainline railway' refers to the UK mainline railway system, but excluding Northern Ireland, High Speed 1 and the Channel Tunnel].

GORT3279 has therefore been replaced by this Rail Industry Standard (RIS-3279-TOM) 'High Visibility Clothing', which reproduces the content of GORT3279 in its entirety.

The time to use garments to this standard is when doing work on the lineside or on or near the line. (Within 3 metres of the nearest rail of any line, and on the line itself.) On a platform, the term 'on or near the line' applies only to the part of the platform within 1.25 metres of the platform edge and only when an engineering or technical activity is taking place.