

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

London Midland Operating Area.

SPECIAL NOTICE

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**NOTICE TO DRIVERS, GUARDS, SIGNALMEN AND OTHERS
RESPECTING THE INTRODUCTION OF STANDARD:—**

**PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAIN CLASSIFICATION
HEADLAMP CODES and
BLOCK BELL CODES.**

COMMENCING JUNE 5, 1950

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Operating Superintendent.**

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PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAIN CLASSIFICATION

On and from Monday, 5th June, 1950, a standard classification for passenger and freight trains will be introduced and from that date the headlamp and block bell codes shown on page 44 of the former L.M.S. General Appendix (pages 19 and 20 of the Cheshire Lines Appendix) will be superseded by the following:—

Classi- fication	Engine Headcode (white lights or discs)	Description of Train	Block Bell Code	
			Beats on Bell or Gong	How to be given
A		Express passenger train, newspaper train or breakdown van train or snow plough train proceeding to a fire. Officers' Special train not requiring to stop in section	4	Consecutively
B		Ordinary passenger train, mixed train, or breakdown van train NOT going to clear the line, or loaded trail motor train or fire brigade train NOT proceeding to a fire. *Branch passenger train	4 4	3 pause 1 1 pause 3
C		Parcels, fish, fruit, horse, livestock, meat, milk, pigeon or perishable train composed entirely of vehicles conforming to coaching stock requirements Express freight, livestock, perishable or ballast train piped fitted throughout with the automatic brake operative on not less than half of the vehicles... .. Empty coaching stock train (not specially authorised to carry 'A' headcode), or empty trail motor train	5 5 5	1 pause 3 pause 1 3 pause 1 pause 1 2 pause 2 pause 1
D		Express freight, livestock, perishable or ballast train partly fitted with the automatic brake operative on not less than one third of the vehicles	5	Consecutively
E		Express freight, livestock, perishable or ballast train partly fitted with not less than four braked vehicles connected by vacuum pipe to the engine... .. Express freight, livestock, perishable or ballast train with a limited load of vehicles NOT fitted with continuous brake	5	1 pause 2 pause 2
F		Express freight, livestock, perishable or ballast train NOT fitted with continuous brake.	5	3 pause 2
G		Light engine or light engines coupled Engine with not more than two brake vans	5 5	2 pause 3 1 pause 1 pause 3
H		Through freight or ballast train not running under class 'C,' 'D,' 'E,' or 'F' headcode.	5	1 pause 4
J		Mineral or empty wagon train	5	4 pause 1
K		Freight, mineral or ballast train stopping at intermediate stations *Branch freight train Freight, ballast or Officers' Special train, requiring to stop in section	3 3 7	Consecutively 1 pause 2 2 pause 2 pause 3

*—To be used only where authorised by the Operating Superintendent.

†—The term " Rail Motor train " includes " Push and Pull train " and " Motor train."

The classification of each train will be shown in the appropriate column of the Working Time Table on and from Monday, 5th June, 1950. The description of train, e.g. Fitted freight No. 1, Fitted freight No. 2, Express freight ~~X~~, shown in the Summer 1950 Freight Working Time Table will remain during the period of this Time Table only.

Euston Station,
May, 1950

J. W. WATKINS
OPERATING SUPERINTENDENT