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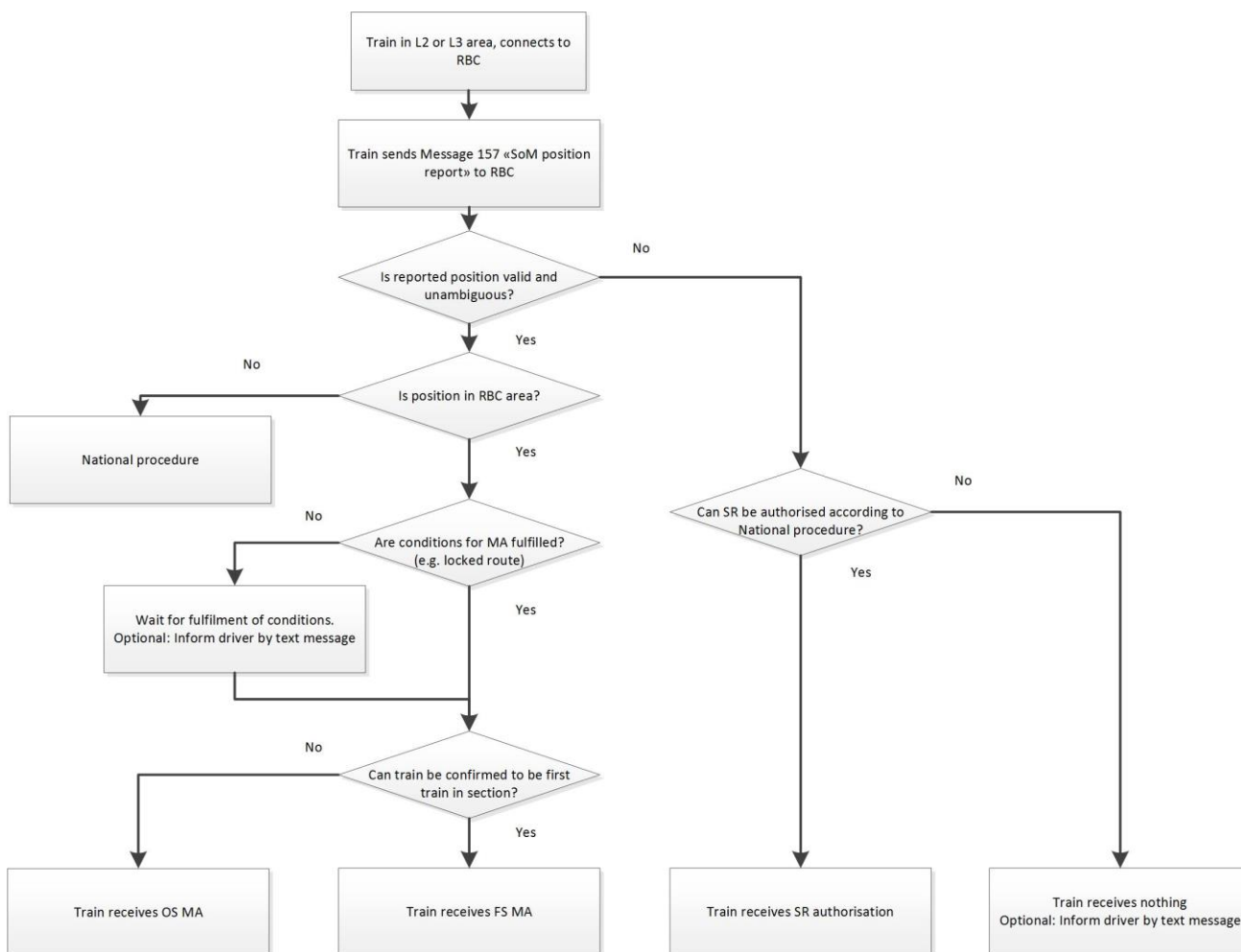
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# **1. Introduction**

## **1.1 Introduction**

- 1.1.1.1** The procedure of Start of mission in normal operation is defined technically in chapter 5 of the SRS (see [SS026]). Degraded situations are also described in this chapter of the SRS, and in particular in section 5.4.5. Operationally the Start of mission procedure is defined in ETCS rules sections 6.2, 6.4 and 6.40 (see [OPE]). Degraded situations may impose a need for non-harmonised rules. However, the Start of mission in levels 2 and 3 can be implemented in different ways. The reader is also recommended to read [DMI] where there are complimentary flow charts for the menus used during Start of mission.
- 1.1.1.2** This guideline gives recommendations for the Start of mission procedure for levels 2 and 3 in order to provide consistency for the driver both in normal and degraded situations.

**1.1.1.3** The following figure shows a simplified flowchart of the Start of Mission procedure seen from RBC. Please see [SS026], 5.4.4 for more details. This flowchart does not consider driver actions but assumes that actions in a nominal Start of Mission procedure are performed.



**1.2 Scope & field of application**

- 1.2.1.1 It is strongly recommended that any entity using ETCS follow the principles defined in this guideline.
- 1.2.1.2 This guideline is applicable for ETCS Levels 2 and 3 based on ERTMS/ETCS baseline 3, system version 2.Y.
- 1.2.1.3 In the Opinion 2017 [ART10] there are some CR which could have impact on the SoM process. The detailed impact has not been analysed.
- 1.2.1.4 The scope of this document is to give recommendations on configuration of the trackside ETCS system to fulfil Start of mission procedure according to flowchart in chapter 5.4.4 of SRS [SS026].
- 1.2.1.5 Re-authorisation to move after trip and service brake with MA shortening at front end of the train is not in the scope of this guideline, but principles will be similar.

**1.3 Applicable system versions**

- 1.3.1.1 Table 1 describes which trackside and onboard system versions are managed by this guideline. It also describes in which guidelines other system version combinations are managed.

	Trackside System Version	
Onboard System Version	1.Y	2.Y
1.Y	[ERA_SoM]	
2.Y	[TBD]	This guideline

Table 1: System version management

- 1.3.1.2 This guideline is applicable for where both trackside and onboard systems use system version 2.Y.

**1.4 Document structure**

Chapter 1 is an introduction to the content of the document  
 Chapter 2 provides the abbreviations, definitions and references used in this document.  
 Chapter 3 provides generic start of mission principles.  
 Chapter 4 provides the guideline for start of mission in level 2/3 using Movement Authority in FS.  
 Chapter 5 provides the guideline for start of mission in level 2/3 using Movement Authority in OS.  
 Chapter 6 provides the guideline for start of mission in level 2/3 using Staff Responsible Mode.  
 Chapter 7 describes identified hazards for operation in SR mode with mitigations.  
 Chapter 8 discuss use of Track Ahead Free request.

## 2. Abbreviations, Definitions and References

### 2.1 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
EoA	End of Authority
IL	Interlocking
MA	Movement of Authority
RBC	Radio Block Centre
SoM	Start of Mission; procedure for start-up of an ETCS train
TSR	Temporary Speed Restrictions

### 2.2 Definitions

Unambiguous position: A valid position reported by the train can still be ambiguous from RBC point of view, for example if there is a point between LRBG and the train. Unambiguous position is defined in this document as a valid position that is trusted and unambiguous from RBC point of view.

Simplified route: A train route to be used for degraded situations that does not check all conditions needed for issuing Full Supervision MA. Main intention is to ensure that there are no conflicting train routes to the planned move. A simplified route can be used as condition to issue SR authority.

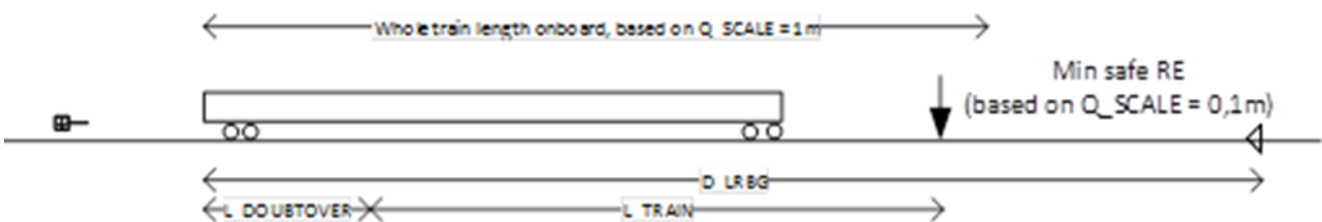
For further definitions, please see Subset 023.

### 2.3 Reference documents

Ref. N°	Document Reference	Title	Last Issue
[SS026]	SUBSET-026	ERTMS/ETCS Class 1 System Requirements Specification	3.6.0
[OPE]	TSI OPE Annex A	ERTMS Operational Principles and Rules, Appendix A to TSI OPE, adopted by Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/995 of 8 June 2015 Amending Decision 2012/757/EU.	4
[ERA_SoM]	ERA_ERTMS_040037	Guideline Start of mission in Level 2	1.0
[DMI]	ERA_ERTMS_015560	ETCS Driver Machine Interface	3.6.0
[ATAF]	ERA_ERTMS_040040	Guideline ATAF	1.0
[ART10]	ERA/OPI/2017-2	Opinion of the European Union Agency for Railways for European Commission regarding CCS TSI Error Corrections	N/A
[SS113]	Subset-113	ETCS hazard log	1.3.0

### 3. Start of mission principles

- 3.1.1.1 The preferred mode for all supervised movements is Full Supervision. It is however not possible to always grant FS when starting a mission due to lack of information. Start of mission procedure will then end in On Sight mode or Staff Responsible mode. On Sight mode is in general preferred as it ensures train supervision according to route conditions. It is also possible to always use Staff Responsible mode after Start of Mission for even higher degree of standardisation of procedures, also in degraded situations. This gives a trade-off between simplicity of procedures and degree of train supervision.
- 3.1.1.2 The MA sent at SoM should include track description covering at least the whole train length. If required the shifted MA reference should be used. This is to avoid message “Entering OS/FS”.
- 3.1.1.3 Note: If accurate track description is not possible to provide, for example due to a moveable element not known to the RBC, a worst case track description could be used to ensure that the train is respecting any restrictions of the infrastructure in the area that it is leaving. Safety of movements over on tracks that are not known to RBC is in the responsibility of National rules.
- 3.1.1.4 Use of different Q\_SCALE parameter onboard and trackside can lead to a misinterpretation of the extent of the track description sent with an MA. This may result in message “Entry in FS/OS” being shown to the driver in DMI. Possible solutions can be to always send track description for some meter in addition to the calculated needed distance, or for the RBC to apply the largest Q\_SCALE when calculating where to start the track description, always rounding up.
- 3.1.1.5 Note: As an example, the RBC may send MA with track description starting at min safe rear end calculated by  $D\_LRBG - L\_DOUBTOVER - L\_TRAIN = 95,1\text{ m}$  with a Q\_SCALE of 10 cm. Onboard calculates the train length calculated with Q\_SCALE of 1 m, expecting track description from 95 m to prevent message “Entry in FS/OS”. Onboard is missing 0,1 m and display the message.



- 3.1.1.6 Engineering and procedures for Start of mission should target to transmit an FS movement authority as soon as possible to the train, while at the same time ensuring transparent and predictable behaviour and procedures.
- 3.1.1.7 Note: Conditions for Full Supervision are not harmonised and can vary according to national engineering rules.

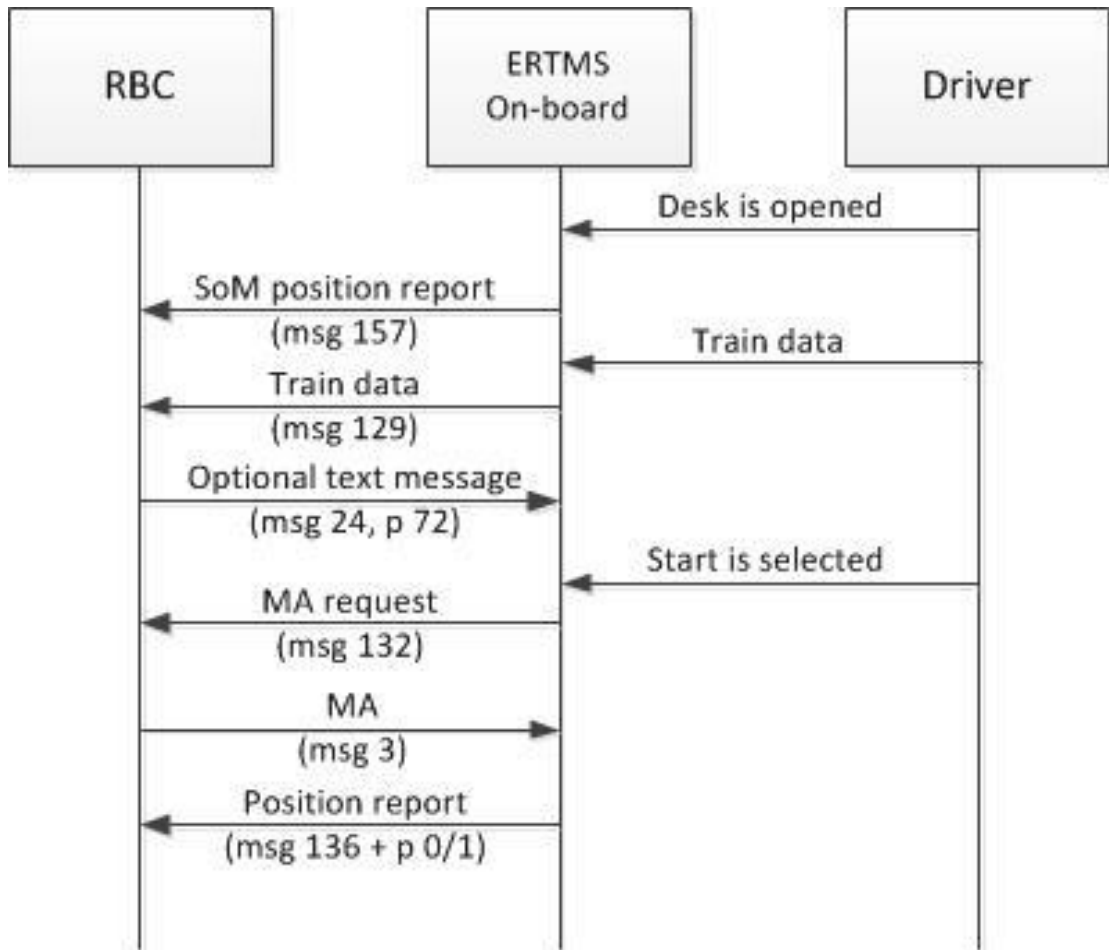


- 3.1.1.8** Each implementation project has to decide if trains should be granted MA in Full Supervision when possible, if always On Sight should be used to achieve more unified procedures or if Staff Responsible should be used in order to cover also degraded situations with the standard procedure. If the implementation project decide to grant MA in Full Supervision when possible, please see chapter 4. If the implementation project decide to always start with MA in On Sight, please see chapter 5. If the implementation project decide to always start with movement in Staff Responsible, please see chapter 6.
- 3.1.1.9** Note: Scenarios for degraded situations will lead to transitions from chapter 4 to chapter 5, and subsequently from chapter 5 to chapter 6.
- 3.1.1.10** As the driver is not informed by onboard if MA or SR authorisation cannot be sent, a text message can be used to advice the driver and/or the dispatcher on the situation and on further actions to proceed.
- 3.1.1.11** Note: Once the driver has selected Start the onboard will wait until the trackside responds with no means to escape the situation as the override button is not selectable. Each implementation should consider if an option for the system to escape the wait loop should be implemented. For example, by enabling the dispatcher to command an MA of zero length or authorize SR with SR distance of 0 meters.

## **4. Start of mission using MA in Full Supervision**

- 4.1.1.1** This chapter 4 is only applicable if the implementation project decide to grant MA in Full Supervision when possible.
- 4.1.1.2** Whenever possible, a train should receive Movement Authority with Full Supervision after Start of Mission.
- 4.1.1.3** Situations where Full Supervision is not possible due to, for example, unknown or ambiguous train position or that the trackside cannot guarantee that the track between the train and the next marker board in the path of the train is not occupied will occur. This is addressed in chapters 5 and 6.
- 4.1.1.4** Trains must have a valid and unambiguous position to achieve Full Supervision. It is recommended to have Cold Movement Detector connected to the onboard unit when this is available on the market to reduce the occurrences of invalid and/or unknown position.
- 4.1.1.5** To guarantee an unambiguous train position when the SoM is performed close to points, additional engineering methods might be necessary.
- 4.1.1.6** Note: If available, information from interlocking, track vacancy proving system and TMS can enable RBC to revalidate a position reported as invalid by onboard.
- 4.1.1.7** Where the system can determine that there is no train between the reported location and the entry to the next route section, then a Full Supervision Movement Authority can be sent. This requires the correct engineering of routes and track sections to enable the determination that the presence of another train is sufficiently improbable. Information from for example train detection system (detection of conflicting movement) or RBC (train data of last reported train compared to present train) can be used in addition.
- 4.1.1.8** Note: Engineering rules will determine when the reported position can be considered to be sufficiently close to the start of the next route section.
- 4.1.1.9** Note: Sending track section information on the IL – RBC interface may not be supported by all suppliers.
- 4.1.1.10** In situations where the system cannot determine if the track ahead up to the first marker board is clear, the system should send MA in On Sight according to chapter 5.
- 4.1.1.11** As an alternative solution, the Track Ahead Free request function can be used. Please see chapter 8.
- 4.1.1.12** Note: To advise the driver of how to proceed in any deviations from normal procedure, the RBC can, in addition to any rejection/acceptance, be configured to send a text message during the start of mission process. Examples of information to be sent in the text message are that the location is invalid/unknown or the location is valid but not within the RBC control area. Such information can also be sent to dispatcher through RBC MMI or TMS. Although text messages may provide useful information on how to proceed in an unexpected situation, use of text messages must be carefully considered due to interoperability reasons.

## 4.2 Interaction diagram



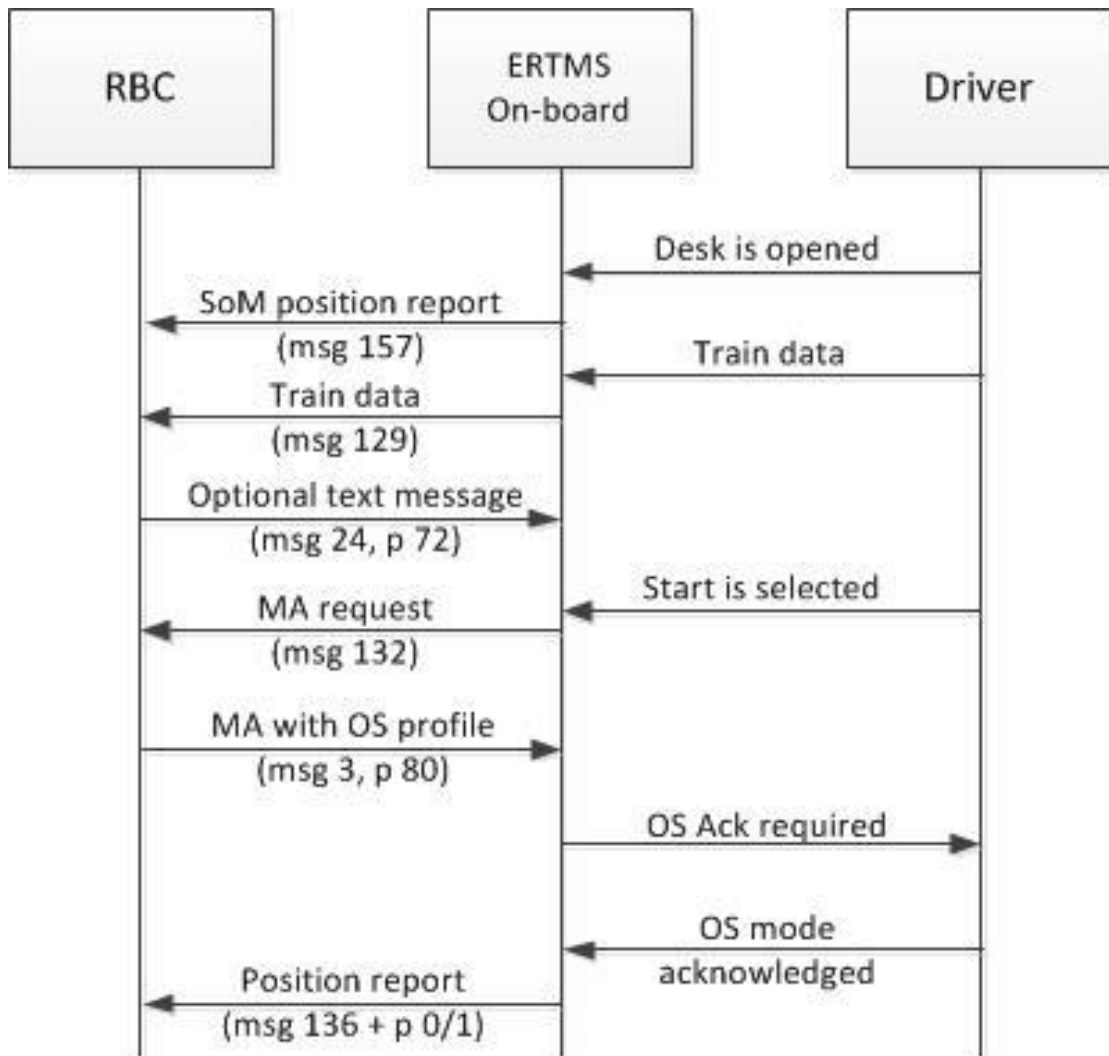
Sequence:

1. Driver opens desk and onboard contact RBC including SoM position report
2. Driver enter/validate train data
3. Validated train data is sent to RBC
4. If information to driver is necessary, e.g. about position status, a text message can be sent to a train.
5. Driver selects start
6. The Onboard sends an MA request to the RBC
7. RBC sends MA (in addition the following information can be sent: national values, a level transition order containing the list of supported levels and TSR's)
8. Train sends a position report to inform about the change to FS mode

## **5. Start of mission using MA with OS mode profile**

- 5.1.1.1** This chapter 5 applies if either the implementation project has decided to always use MA in On Sight at Start of Mission, or if FS cannot be granted as described in 4.1.1.3.
- 5.1.1.2** In situations where it is not possible to send Movement Authority with Full Supervision, On Sight is the mode that provides the best supervision of the train. After SoM, a train with an unambiguous valid position will receive a Movement Authority including an OS mode profile starting from the train front if interlocking conditions to authorize a movement are fulfilled, for example route is locked.
- 5.1.1.3** This solution allows, assuming a route is set for the train, that after Start of Mission the train will move in OS mode to the first marker board, and normally from there switch to FS mode.
- 5.1.1.4** To minimize the distance in OS mode when the position is valid, a marker board can be positioned a short distance in advance of locations where SoM is likely to occur. Ideally, the starting train has not yet reached the OS speed (national value) at the marker board where the train can change mode to FS according to [ATAF].
- 5.1.1.5** For situations where it is not possible to send Movement Authority, e.g. when the position of the train is unknown or ambiguous, it is necessary to use Staff Responsible mode after Start of Mission. Please see chapter 6.
- 5.1.1.6** As an alternative solution, the Track Ahead Free request function can be used. Please see chapter 8.
- 5.1.1.7** Note: If the train has a large confidence interval, it is possible that the onboard will switch to FS mode immediately due to the maximum front end already being in advance of the marker board and hence in the FS area. Please consider mitigations described in [SS113], hazard ETCS-H0074.

## 5.2 Interaction diagram



Sequence:

1. Driver opens desk and onboard contact RBC including SoM position report
2. Driver enter/validate train data
3. Validated train data is sent to RBC
4. If information to driver is necessary, e.g. about position status, a text message can be sent to a train.
5. Driver selects start
6. The Onboard sends an MA request to the RBC
7. In case the RBC cannot reply with a FS MA, the RBC sends MA in OS (additional information can be sent in the same message, e.g. national values, level transition order containing the list of supported levels and TSR's)
8. Onboard requires the driver to acknowledge OS mode
9. Driver acknowledges OS mode
10. Train sends a position report to inform about the change to OS mode

## 6. Start of mission using staff responsible mode

**6.1.1.1** The preferred solution in ETCS due to safety and operational reasons is to start in a mode supporting train supervision according to route status; nevertheless, this is not always possible. For example, in case of ambiguous position or if a route cannot be set. This chapter provides guidelines for these situations, using SR mode.

**6.1.1.2** Note: Implementation projects can choose to always use SR mode at start of mission for operational reasons.

**6.1.1.3** Override procedure should not be used in normal operational situations, and a solution for starting in SR mode should not require the driver to override.

**6.1.1.4** The following issues should be considered when authorising SR movement unless a lineside signal is used to authorise the SR movement according to [OPE]:

- The driver wrongfully believes he/she has received authorisation (either verbally or by RBC) and departs without authorisation.
- The dispatcher does not know the real location of the train. Location information could be based on verbal information from the driver which has to be cross checked with information in the traffic management system. The communication between dispatcher and driver and/or the check of traffic management data can fail.
- The dispatcher shall authorize the driver to depart with written order 07 [OPE], which is normally a verbal communication which can fail.
- If a Stop Marker has to be passed, the dispatcher shall authorize the driver (with written order 01 [OPE]) to pass the Stop Marker. Dispatcher is responsible to check if the path of the train is clear or secured by a route, introducing risk of human errors. Override may be necessary if a balise with Stop if in SR message is located by the marker board.

Failures occurring in any of these issues can cause a wrongful departure of a train.

Depending on remaining mitigations and the situation, this could result in a derailment or a collision.

**6.1.1.5** Scenarios where procedure Override is necessary due to FS/OS/SR authorization cannot be granted is not covered by this document, but will result in using SR to start the mission.

**6.1.1.6** Where available, information from TMS and interlocking can be used as additional condition to trigger an SR authorisation from RBC, mitigating issues identified in 6.1.1.4. Such information can be for example:

- assumed position according to route plan
- train running number according to route plan
- dispatcher entry
- set route
- track occupation
- position information in RBC (possibly position defined as invalid)

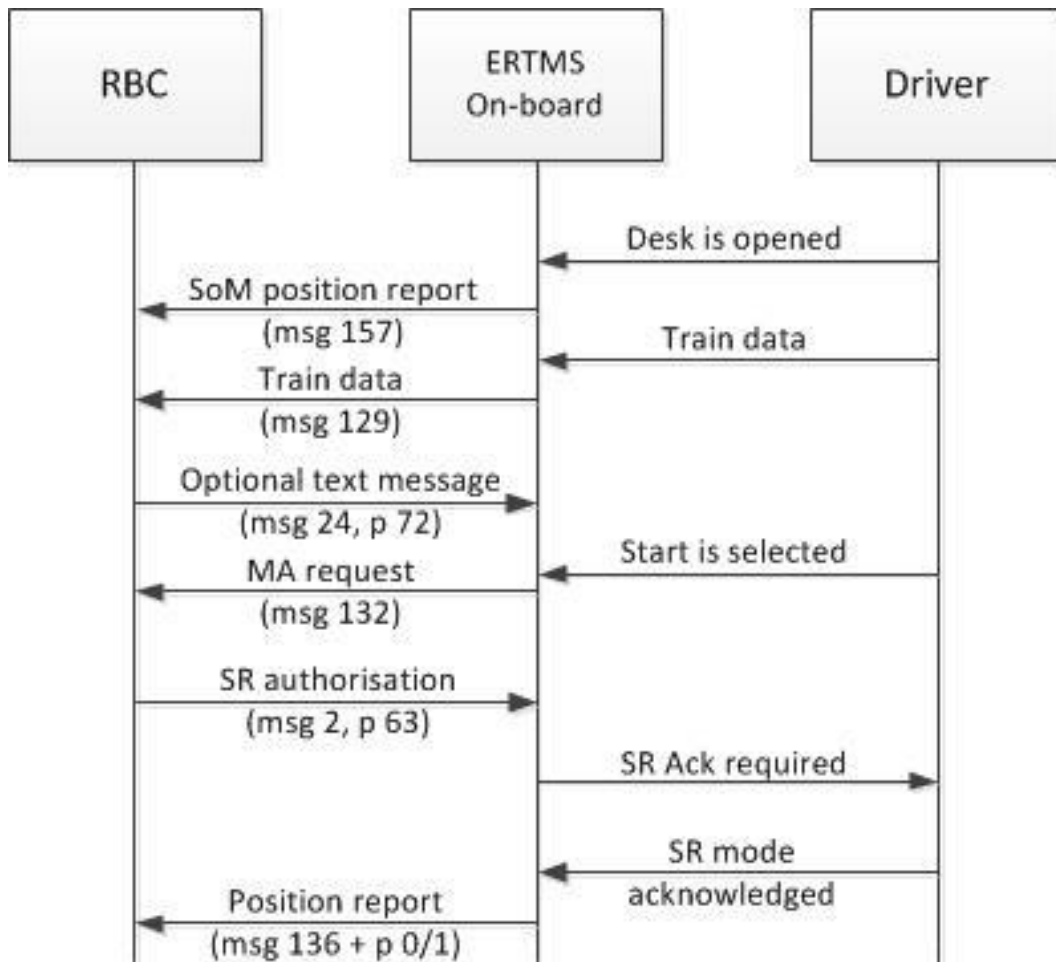
Availability of such information is implementation dependent, but mitigates misunderstandings in oral communication between driver and dispatcher.

- 6.1.1.7** If the implementation project has decided to always use Staff Responsible at Start of Mission, the RBC should, when the train reports a valid position at specified locations, send SR mode authorization to the train on receipt of an MA request.
- 6.1.1.8** Note: It is recommended to send MA if train position is valid and unambiguous, and route conditions for MA is fulfilled.
- 6.1.1.9** In case the RBC cannot send MA (e.g. no route is set, not all the route elements are locked or the train has no valid position), the RBC should send an SR authorisation in response to an MA request, if national conditions for SR authorisation are fulfilled.
- 6.1.1.10** The driver will always need additional authorisation to depart in SR mode either by a written order or a signal aspect, according to [OPE].
- 6.1.1.11** In nominal SoM situations, the use of written orders should be avoided mainly due to time consumption and potential misinterpretations during operation.
- 6.1.1.12** Note: Example conditions to provide SR authorisation from RBC: Interlocking detects occupied track at the start point of the scheduled route for the train running number received from onboard.
- 6.1.1.13** Note: Information from TMS regarding train position and SR authorisation may not be available for all applications
- 6.1.1.14** Using a “list of balises in SR” mitigates partly the risk of moving with a wrong authorisation when TMS/dispatcher wrongly gives the system permission to send SR authorisation due to wrong assumed position. The list of balises in SR also prevents the need to use the override procedure if balises with “stop if in SR” message are used. Use of balise list together with SR authorisation is recommended.
- 6.1.1.15** Although the Start of mission procedure is completed before the train starts to move, the main goal is to achieve a movement authority for the train. When SoM is likely to occur without a valid position, a balise group should be placed in rear of and sufficiently far away from the marker board to provide positioning. This will enable the train to obtain a valid position and receive an MA from the RBC before passing the marker board. Calculation of this distance is dependent on balise antenna position, processing and reaction times, allowed speed and required braking distance if MA cannot be provided.
- 6.1.1.16** To achieve the protection of specific locations, identified by risk analysis, balises with the information “stop if in SR” can be used.
- 6.1.1.17** Note: Unless the balise is included in a balise list, balise with “Stop if in SR” will require the driver to override to pass.
- 6.1.1.18** Unauthorised moves in SR can also be stopped by sending unconditional emergency stop message in case such movement is detected. For example using a condition that all movements, including SR movements, shall be protected by at least a simplified route ensuring that no conflicting train movements will occur, or by checking passing direction of balise group in SR mode to detect if movement is in the correct direction.

- 6.1.1.19** Note: Using unconditional emergency stop message to stop unauthorised SR moves will only work if onboard is connected to RBC.
- 6.1.1.20** For trains changing direction there is a possibility that the train is positioned over a balise group, the position may be interpreted as ambiguous by RBC. Shifted location reference as defined in BL3 will mitigate this problem.
- 6.1.1.21** If position is not valid and/or ambiguous, a text message could be sent to inform the driver about the assumed position/set route to verify that it is correct. A text message could also be used in place of a written order, so that additional verbal communication is not necessary.
- 6.1.1.22** If position of a train in SR is detected to be outside of the area controlled by the RBC there is a possible deadlock situation. This could for example be solved by informing the driver or by RBC instructing the onboard to connect to the correct RBC.



## 6.2 Interaction diagram



Sequence:

1. Driver opens desk and onboard contact RBC including SoM position report
2. Driver enter/validate train data
3. Validated train data is sent to RBC
4. If information to driver is necessary, e.g. about position status, a text message can be sent to a train.
5. Driver selects start
6. The Onboard sends an MA request to the RBC
7. In case the RBC cannot reply with a MA, the RBC sends an SR authorisation in response to an MA request. SR authorisation may be subject to additional approval by e.g. dispatcher. It is recommended to include list of balises to ensure correct positioning and to mask any balises with information "stop if in SR".
8. Onboard requires the driver to acknowledge SR mode
  - a. Lineside signal, the driver will obey the aspect of the signal and applies national operational rule.
  - b. No lineside signal, driver contacts dispatcher or receives written order by text message and applies operational rules according to [OPE].
9. Driver acknowledges SR mode
10. Train sends a position report to inform about the change to SR mode

## **7. SR hazard mitigation**

- 7.1.1.1 Movements in SR mode introduce several hazards due to the limited supervision of the movement.
- 7.1.1.2 Some hazards can be mitigated by engineering, some by operational procedures or by a combination of engineering and procedures.
- 7.1.1.3 This chapter identifies relevant hazards when driving in SR mode, and address mitigations that can be used.

### **7.2 List of hazards**

- 7.2.1.1 The following hazards related to movements in SR are identified.
- 7.2.1.2 Too long movement due to:
  - a) Driver brakes too late and overshoots the end point.
  - b) Misunderstanding about what is the end point.
  - c) Driver fail to notice stop marker.
- 7.2.1.3 Movement is authorised for different location than actual location of the train due to misunderstanding on where the train is located.
- 7.2.1.4 Intentionally wrongful movement.
- 7.2.1.5 Movement in wrong direction due to confusion on what direction the movement is authorised for.
- 7.2.1.6 An object in a not controlled state, being the reason for moving in SR, fail leading to derailment or collision.
- 7.2.1.7 Too high speed due to manual adjustment of allowed speed in SR.
- 7.2.1.8 Another train movement in the path of the SR movement, for example if SR authorisation is wrongfully given for a path in conflict with an MA for another train.

### **7.3 Mitigation by protection of specific location**

#### **7.3.1 Stop if in SR information.**

- 7.3.1.1 Balises with the packet of stop if in SR can be installed in all the specific locations that have to be protected. The train which passes the balises sending this information will be tripped and stopped before the critical location. The speed at which the train can pass these balises shall be taken into account.
- 7.3.1.2 For operational reasons, these balises are recommended to be located at the signal or the Marker Board such that it is intuitive for the driver and that a trip when running in SR with authorization is prevented. When a Marker Board passed in SR according to [OPE] a written order is required and via the override procedure the transition to trip mode is prevented.

- 7.3.1.3 If the balise containing “Stop if in SR” is included in a list of balises sent with the SR authorisation, the “Stop if in SR” is suppressed and no override is necessary. If the train has not received a list of balises, all movements in SR over these balises will require override. If the train has received a list of balises that cannot be updated due to for example radio failure, there is a possibility for a wrongful suppression of the “Stop if in SR” message.
- 7.3.1.4 The location of the “Stop if in SR” balise will result from a safety and operational analysis including needed safety zones to stop the train.
- 7.3.1.5 For onboards without communication session established, this is the only protection possible for specific locations.
- 7.3.1.6 For implementations with lineside signals, to minimize the installation of balises, they should be installed only in signals that are able to show a non-proceed aspect. If operationally preferred to avoid the need of override procedure when showing proceed aspect from the lineside signal, switchable balises must be used.
- 7.3.1.7 Balise with Stop if in SR information will mitigate hazards 7.2.1.2 and 7.2.1.5 by stopping the movement when passing the balise.
- 7.3.1.8 Balise with Stop if in SR information will partly mitigate hazard 7.2.1.4 by stopping the movement when passing the balise. However, there is a significant probability that a driver performing an intentionally wrongful movement also will override this message.

### **7.3.2 List of expected balises in SR mode (only in Level 2/3).**

- 7.3.2.1 Certain locations can be protected by means of a list of balises in SR mode if there are balise groups in the proper locations and the train position is known. Once this information has been received, the onboard will be tripped if a balise group not included in the list is read.
- 7.3.2.2 The solution involves the installation of balises in the specific locations that have to be protected. The installation of these balises can be minimized by a safety analysis of the locations where SR movements are likely to occur (e.g. SoM locations).
- 7.3.2.3 List of balises may, if train position is unknown, be based on information coming from a system outside of the ETCS system. For example, assumed position reported from TMS.
- 7.3.2.4 This solution is not recommended as a standalone protection because it does not cover the degraded situation in Level 2/3 when there is no connection to the RBC. But it could be used as add-on to other mitigations.
- 7.3.2.5 List of expected balises in SR mode will mitigate hazards 7.2.1.2, 7.2.1.3, 7.2.1.4 and 7.2.1.5 by stopping movements over balises that are not in the balise list.
- 7.3.2.6 List of expected balises in SR mode will mitigate hazard 7.2.1.8 as long as the balise list is engineered with sufficient detail.

### **7.3.3 Permitted distance (D<sub>SR</sub>) included in SR authorisation from RBC.**

- 7.3.3.1 The onboard supervises braking curves with a target speed of zero to the end of the distance included in this packet and trips if it is over passed.

- 7.3.3.2 This solution would oblige the RBC to process the information of the route in advance to the sending of the SR authorisation. Any updated distance will take into account the train position at the moment of sending the position report and will not be accurate if the train is moving.
- 7.3.3.3 This solution does not cover any scenario in which the location of the train is unknown, nor if onboard is not connected to RBC. In the case of train position different from valid, a location can be assumed based on other systems, but such position will not be accurate. Consequently, this solution is not recommended as a standalone protection.
- 7.3.3.4 Permitted distance in SR mode will mitigate hazards 7.2.1.2 and 7.2.1.4 by supervising the movement to stop after the defined distance is travelled.

#### **7.3.4 Permitted distance to travel in SR mode (D\_NVSTFF) in National Values.**

- 7.3.4.1 The onboard supervises braking curves with a target speed of zero to the end of the distance defined in this value and trips if it is over passed.
- 7.3.4.2 This distance is generic and hence not according to real danger points in a specific location.
- 7.3.4.3 Permitted distance in SR mode from National Values will partly mitigate hazard 7.2.1.4 by supervising the movement to stop after the defined distance is travelled.

#### **7.3.5 RBC controlling that an SR movement is protected**

- 7.3.5.1 For Level 2/3 with train communicating to the RBC the RBC can check the reported position in SR against an allowed route. Properties of such a route has to be defined in Interlocking and RBC.
- 7.3.5.2 A simplified method can be to check the direction of the SR movement. The movement direction can be derived from position reports from the onboard.

### **7.4 Protection of speed**

#### **7.4.1 Permitted SR speed**

- 7.4.1.1 When the distance between the balise group with stop if in SR and the danger point is insufficient to stop a train in rear of the danger location, depending on the risk of a unauthorised depart in SR, the permitted SR speed can be lowered in the approach area e.g. with national value V\_NVSTFF, even if the position of the train is unknown.
- 7.4.1.2 Note: this value is retained also if the train is restarted after No Power mode. A risk with this approach is that the driver will interpret the new ceiling speed as a target rather than a restriction.
- 7.4.1.3 A low permitted SR speed will limit stress on potentially failed objects, and also limit consequences if a derailment occurs.
- 7.4.1.4 Permitted SR speed will mitigate hazards 7.2.1.2 and 7.2.1.4 by ensuring a low enough speed for the movement to be stopped before a danger point.

**7.4.1.5** Permitted SR speed will partly mitigate hazard 7.2.1.6 by reducing speed over the uncontrolled object and by that reducing stress and consequence of failure.

#### **7.4.2 Temporary speed restriction**

**7.4.2.1** In case there is a speed limitation with a value lower than the permitted SR speed, the RBC could send a TSR with the specific speed value. The onboard will accept this information both in SB and SR modes.

**7.4.2.2** When the train starts to move, the most restrictive permitted speed applies. This solution does not cover any scenario in which the location of the train is unknown.

**7.4.2.3** Alternatively, the TSR can be sent by balise.

**7.4.2.4** Note: TSR sent from balise group can be ignored for trains in OS/FS mode either by marking the balise group as linked and not including the balise in the linking information in the MA, or by defining that revocable TSRs from balise shall be inhibited in level 2/3 (packet 64).

**7.4.2.5** Use of TSR will mitigate hazards 7.2.1.2 and 7.2.1.4 by ensuring a low enough speed for the movement to be stopped before a danger point.

**7.4.2.6** Use of TSR will partly mitigate hazard 7.2.1.6 by reducing speed over the uncontrolled object and by that reducing stress and consequence of failure.

### **7.5 Loss of the communication session**

#### **7.5.1 National rules**

**7.5.1.1** Permission to run in level 2 with no communication session depends on the national rules. This recommendation only deals with scenarios in which the train is allowed to run in Level 2 without a communication session.

**7.5.1.2** After the on-board unsuccessfully attempts to connect to RBC, the driver can enter train data, as specified in [SS026], 5.4.5.3 h), and SR will be proposed to the driver. Subsequently, the train will be in level 2 mode SR with no radio connection to the RBC and with the distance and speed allowed to run in SR as defined in the national values or, if not available, in the default values.

**7.5.1.3** Mitigation measures for driving distance and speed as described above should be considered

## **8. Track Ahead Free request**

**8.1.1.1** Mode change from Staff Responsible or On Sight to Full Supervision can be realised when RBC can determine in a safe manner that the train is the first to enter a section. This can be determined by ATAF process, see [ATAF], when the train is very close to the Marker Board.

- 8.1.1.2** To achieve Full Supervision mode earlier than what is achieved with ATAF process, RBC can send a Track Ahead Free request to the onboard unit. Driver is responsible to confirm that the track is free up to the next Marker Board. When receiving this confirmation, RBC can send an updated Movement Authority allowing Full Supervision. Track Ahead Free request is not recommended in [ATAF] due to risks identified in [ATAF].
- 8.1.1.3** Each implementation project must decide if Track Ahead Free request shall be used.
- 8.1.1.4** See [SS026], chapter 3.15.5 for more information on Track Ahead Free function.
- 8.1.1.5** A Track Ahead Free Request message sent to a train in SB mode gives no opportunity to the driver to proceed if it cannot be confirmed that the track ahead is free.
- 8.1.1.6** Engineering rules will determine when Track Ahead Free Requests can be sent, e.g. at a location and distance where the driver normally should be able to see the next Marker Board.
- 8.1.1.7** Operational rules will determine what information the driver requires (such as visibility of a Marker Board) in order to make a safe decision to accept the request.