

Dear Sir,

Please accept the attached submission from our Society in regard to the ALSSC Consultation Process on the Code of practice for Operation and Training. The submission was considered by the Board of Directors of the Co-operative at their meeting held on the 18th August 2010 and passed for submission and consideration.

Many Thanks

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Secretary

Hornsby Model Engineers

AALS CODE OF PRACTICE

OPERATION OF MINIATURE RAILWAYS, ROAD VEHICLES & PLANT

5.4 Competency (page 16)

Item 5.4.3 Should read as follows

Societies shall compile and maintain a list of drivers considered sufficiently experienced to drive trains carrying public passengers. Societies SHALL issue a card to drivers for use at other Societies tracks.

It appears the issuing of cards to drivers for use when visiting other Societies tracks is not common practice.

This can lead to problems when asked to produce their card/accreditation to permit them to engage in passenger hauling on the day. Mates vouching for them is still not good enough, cards should be mandatory, this would ensure there is no ill feeling between Societies on this matter.