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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 With the introduction of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 (TSA), there was a need to create and update several codes of practice. The introduction of the revised Code of Practise for the Co-ordination of Street Works and Works for Road Purposes and Related Matters did not consider the question of mobile working. The TSA steering group agreed that there was a need to produce further information on this subject and sought agreement from RAUC Scotland for this Advice Note to be added to the existing Advice Notes issued by RAUC(S).

2 DEFINITION

- 2.1 The term “Mobile Working” is intended to include continuous mobile operations, as well as those which involve movement with periodic stops and short duration static works. It also includes minor works which do not include excavations, involving the use of a single vehicle or a small number of vehicles.
- 2.2 Mobile working is referred to in the Safety at Street Works and Road Works code of practice, and all necessary signing, lighting & guarding must be applied.
- 2.3 Mobile working shall cover all works at any specific location where the work involved takes no longer than 30 minutes in total, including clearing all signing, lighting, guarding and spoil.
- 2.4 Mobile working shall be stopped where directed by the local road works authority or police if deemed to be causing an obstruction.

3 NOTICING REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Notices/Registrations are not required for non traffic sensitive roads.
- 3.2 Notices/Registrations are required for planned works on traffic sensitive roads.
- 3.3 Exemptions for Notices/Registrations include:-
- Emergency/Urgent works i.e. operating equipment to carry out essential works following on from a damaged section of carriageway/apparatus/street furniture.
 - Operating equipment on a traffic sensitive road which controls apparatus which serves adjacent non traffic sensitive roads where emergency/urgent works are required.
 - Operating equipment on an adjacent footway where there is no requirement to have a vehicle in attendance and where there is sufficient room on the footway for pedestrians to pass including arrangements needed for wheelchair users and the blind.