

# SPECIAL CONVOY

## THE DANGER ON THE TRACKS IS FASTER THAN YOU ARE

Pursuant to article 12 of the order dated 4 May 2006, all special convoys **should take measures prior to their journey** to ensure their transportation means allows them to cross level crossings in total safety.

### 4 PRE-REQUISITES FOR CROSSING A LEVEL CROSSING IN TOTAL SAFETY



#### 1 - Comply with maximum passing time

Be able to cross a level crossing within a maximum of 7 seconds. **Take care with long and heavy loads!**

7 s = time interval between the activation of the lights and the lowering of the barriers.



#### 2 - Comply with maximum height at crossing

Ensure that the convoy does not exceed the maximum height allowed on the approach to the level crossing:

- Indicated by a gate either side of the railway and a sign indicating height limit.
- Height limit 4.8 m in the absence of a gate.

**N.B.: The maximum height is greater than that required under a bridge due to risk of electric arcing between top of convoy and high-voltage wire!**



#### 3 - Comply with ground clearance conditions

Systematically ensure in advance that the convoy complies with minimum road profile conditions. Especially for level crossings with humps or speed bumps. Danger warning sign on approach to level crossing.



#### 4 - Comply with maximum passing width

For convoys greater than 2.55 m in width, take care to assess the traffic area before entering the level crossing.

**Take care when passing another vehicle, as you can end up stuck on the tracks!**

**IN CASE OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THESE CONDITIONS, YOU SHOULD NOTIFY SNCF RESEAU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO REALISE STUDY CASES AND CONTRACTUALISE NEW CONDITIONS TO ENSURE A TOTALLY SAFE CROSSING BEFORE YOU START YOUR JOURNEY.**

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