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National Standard - Rural Fire Signs

This NRFA Circular is to advise Rural Fire Authorities (RFA's) of the National Standard - Rural Fire Signs that the NRFA has approved under the requirement of the Forest and Rural Fire Regulations 2005.

This listing of National Standard – Rural Fire Signs provides for a base template for the main message, with scope for some localized information to be added to the sign (ie the Rural Fire Authority name and contact). This approach will enhance uniformity throughout the country, particularly with the use of the restricted or prohibited fire season signs to advise the general public.

The National Rural Fire Advisory Committee has endorsed these National Standard - Rural Fire Signs.

The signs are listed in three categories:

1. NRFA approved National Standard Signs for Regulations 52(3) and 53(3)
2. Transit NZ Approved National Standard – Rural Fire Signs
3. NRFA approved other National Standard – Rural Fire Signs

1. NRFA approved National Standard Signs for Regulations 52(3) and 53(3)

Regulation 52 Fire Authority must erect signs during restricted fire season

- (1) Subclause (2) applies if there is a restricted fire season in force-
 - (a) in a Fire Authority's district; or
 - (b) in a specified part or parts of a Fire Authority's district.
- (2) The Fire Authority must erect sufficient signs in the district or part of the district advising the public that during the restricted season a permit is required to light a fire in the open air in the district or part of the district.
- (3) However, before erecting any sign the under subclause (2), the NRFA must give its written approval of the sign's design.

NRFA Approved signs for Restricted Fire Season are:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Wording</u>
RFS01	FIRE BY PERMIT ONLY (portrait)
RFS02	FIRE BY PERMIT ONLY (landscape)

Regulation 53 Fire Authority must erect signs during prohibited fire season

- (1) Subclause (2) applies if there is a prohibited fire season in force-
 - (a) in a Fire Authority's district; or
 - (b) in a specified part or parts of a Fire Authority's district.

- (2) The Fire Authority must erect sufficient signs in the district or part of the district advising the public that during the prohibited season no open fire may be lit in the district or part of the district.
- (3) However, before erecting any sign the under subclause (2), the NRFA must give its written approval of the sign's design.

NRFA Approved sign for Prohibited Fire Season is:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Wording</u>
RFS06	TOTAL FIRE BAN (triangle)

2. Transit NZ Approved National Standard – Rural Fire Signs

Transit New Zealand have approved selected National Standard - Rural Fire Signs for use under the three categories as listed below:

- A. National Standard Signs approved by Transit NZ that can be positioned within the state highway land corridor as “fixed roadside signs” are:

RFS01	FIRE BY PERMIT ONLY (portrait)
RFS02	FIRE BY PERMIT ONLY (landscape)
RFS06	TOTAL FIRE BAN (triangle)
RFS20	FIRE DANGER TODAY (half grapefruit sign)

Note: The Regional Office of Transit NZ must approve the location before positioning these fixed roadside signs.

- B. National Standard Signs approved by Transit NZ for use as “temporary on road use” are:

RFS03	! (explanation mark on diamond shape)
RFS04	SMOKE HAZARD (previously numbered S10)
RFS05	FIRE – ACCIDENT – EMERGENCY (set of 3 signs) (previously numbered S23)

- C. National Standard Signs approved by Transit NZ as “temporary roadside use” are:

RFS11	FIRE (with arrow) - double sided direction to fire
RFS34	INCIDENT CONTROL POINT (large size) (previously numbered S16)
RFS36	STAGING AREA (large size) (previously numbered S15)

(reference: Transit NZ letter of 2 January 1999)

3. NRFA approved other National Standard – Rural Fire Signs

Please note that these signs do not have Transit NZ approval for placement within state highway land corridors (eg on a post between the land boundaries and the road edge). It is permissible to have these signs and the likes of private road name signs on the boundary (eg the fence line).

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Wording</u>
RFS07	NO ENTRY – EXTREME FIRE DANGER
RFS08	RESTRICTED FIRE AREA – FIRES ONLY IN FIREPLACES PROVIDED
RFS08A	symbol – (no fires)
RFS12	WATER SUPPLY (double sided directions to water supply)
RFS13	symbol of aircraft (double sided directions to airstrip)
RFS14	symbol of helicopter (double sided directions to helipad)
RFS17	FIRE DEPOT
RFS18	FIRE STATION
RFS21	CLASS A FOAM (self adhesive label for concentrate containers)
RFS22	FIRE RETARDANT (self adhesive label for concentrate containers)
RFS30	INCIDENT CONTROLLER (small size)
RFS31	PLANNING/INTELL (small size)
RFS32	LOGISTICS (small size)
RFS33	OPERATIONS (small size)
RFS35	ASSEMBLY AREA (large size)
RFS37	SAFE FORWARD POINT (large size)

When the need for further signs is identified then the NRFA can consider this on a national perspective and add to the listing as necessary.

For a colour copy (on pdf file) of each sign go to the NRFA website:

<http://www.nrfa.org.nz/equipment/signs>

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Enclosure: Transit NZ letter of 2 January 1999
Drawings of listed National Standard Signs – Rural Fire