

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

on a voluntary implementation of Recommendations for Use applicable to AsBos

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The purpose of this document is to foster the voluntary implementation of all published AsBo RFUs by all members of the AsBo Cooperation Group, in the absence of a strong legal basis in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 402/2013 on the common safety method for risk evaluation and assessment (CSM RA) regarding a mandatory use of those AsBo-RFUs.

1. PREAMBLE

The Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 402/2013 (referred to further as “CSM RA”) defines in Article 3(14) the assessment body (referred to further as “AsBo”) and in Article 6 the role of that body.

The AsBos are sharing their experience and harmonising their understanding of European railway legislation in AsBo Cooperation Group meetings regularly organised and administrated by the European Union Agency for Railways (referred to further as “ERA”). The functioning of the AsBo Cooperation Group is ruled under a [“Terms of Reference of the AsBo Cooperation Group”](#), adopted at unanimity by all AsBo organisations at the creation of that group.

In the scope of the AsBo Cooperation Group, ERA develops and publishes Recommendations for Use to be applied by AsBos (referred to further as “AsBo-RFUs”). ERA keeps ensuring that those AsBo-RFUs comply (and do not conflict) with the European railway legislation. Point 3.5(7) of the [Terms of reference of the asbo cooperation group](#) requires the AsBos to implement and comply with those AsBo-RFUs.

As the CSM RA does not make compulsory the AsBo compliance with those AsBo-RFUs, there is a need to further enhance their systematic use by all AsBo organisations.

To foster the voluntary implementation of all published AsBo-RFUs by the members of the AsBo Cooperation Group, this latter one agreed that ERA establishes a Memorandum of Understanding. Every AsBo that is registered in the ERADIS database is invited to enter in this MoU.

This MoU is proposed by ERA in its capacity as chair, secretariat and moderator of the AsBo Cooperation Group as a temporary solution waiting for the revision of the CSM RA. A future revision of the CSM RA will lay down the legal basis for the mandatory use of any relevant AsBo-RFUs.

The participants to this MoU are listed in the Appendix to this MoU.

2. AGREEMENT

2.1. Introduction

The parties of this MoU are ERA and the AsBo organisations accredited or recognised in line with the requirements of the CSM RA.

Every signatory AsBo organisation agrees that ERA publishes this MoU on the ERA website.

The signatories conclude the following agreements below.

2.2. AsBo Cooperation

ERA endeavours to organise and moderate the activities of the AsBo Cooperation Group, as specified in the latest version of the [Terms of Reference of the AsBo Cooperation Group](#).

ERA endeavours to keep the respective authorities (national accreditation bodies, recognition bodies and national safety authorities) informed about the existence of the AsBo-RFUs. ERA endeavours to support the railway stakeholders with the implementation of the AsBo-RFUs. Where requested, ERA endeavours to act as moderator in case of disagreement between an AsBo and its accreditation or recognition body on the interpretation of the content of those AsBo-RFUs.

The AsBo organisations commit to participate in the activities of the AsBo Cooperation Group organised by ERA, in line with the adopted Terms of Reference of AsBo Cooperation Group.

The AsBo organisations commit to share internally within their respective organisations the results and developments of the AsBo Cooperation Group. ERA will endeavour to do the same.

2.3. AsBo-RFUs

AsBo organisations commit to implement and comply with all AsBo-RFUs adopted by the AsBo Cooperation Group at the latest upon the expiry of the transition period (if any) provided for in any future AsBo-RFU. This MoU does not permit to exclude any AsBo-RFU from the commitment to comply with them, unless the considered AsBo-RFU does not apply to the scope of accreditation/recognition of the AsBo organisation.

Compliance with AsBo-RFUs is necessary for a common and harmonised approach between all AsBos in the European Union.

The AsBos accept that the national accreditation bodies and recognition bodies use the requirements and guidance contained in those AsBo-RFUs for the accreditation, recognition and surveillance of the AsBos, regardless the current absence of a legal basis for the AsBo compliance with those AsBo-RFUs. Without prejudice to the general provisions for complaints and appeal in Clauses 7.12 and 7.13 of the ISO/IEC 17011:2017 standard, the AsBos agree to abandon their right to complain or appeal against the national accreditation or recognition body, where they raise a justified non-compliance with a requirement in an applicable AsBo-RFU.

2.4. Update of this MoU

ERA endeavours to enable every new AsBo organisation registered in the ERADIS database to sign this MoU. In that case ERA will update the list of signatory AsBos in the Appendix.

Every AsBo who wishes to withdraw their signature from this MoU is invited to inform ERA about their will. ERA will update accordingly the Appendix of this MoU.

Done at Valenciennes, 10 February 2025

Appendix: List of signatories

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