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## DECISION n° 244

*of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways amending DECISION n° 161 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the policy on monitoring the performance and decision-making of National Safety Authorities (NSAs) adopted on 29 November 2017*

### **THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS,**

Having regard to the Regulation (EU) 2016/796 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Railways<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”) and repealing Regulation (EC) No. 881/2004 (hereinafter called “the Regulation”), and in particular Article 33,

Having regard to DECISION n° 161 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the policy on monitoring the performance and decision-making of National Safety Authorities (NSAs) adopted on 29 November 2019, and in particular, ‘Annex I –Policy, 3. Scope’,

Having regard to DECISION n° 188 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways amending DECISION n° 161 mentioned above,

Having regard to DECISION n° 214 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways amending DECISION n° 161 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the policy on monitoring the performance and decision-making of National Safety Authorities (NSAs) adopted on 29 November 2017,

Whereas:

- (1) *2021 will be the last year of the 1<sup>st</sup> NSA monitoring audit cycle and it is considered to be more beneficial to complete the first audit cycle with a scope similar to the one adopted for the NSAs previously audited.*

### **HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

#### ***Article 1***

1. The Annex I Policy –“3. Scope” of Decision n° 161 is amended with the inclusion of the following paragraph that reads:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 138, 26.5.2016, p. 1-43.

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*'In 2019, 2020 and 2021, the scope of the NSA monitoring shall be limited to the:*

1. *Management of competences within the NSAs, with a specific focus on competences for supervision, safety certification and vehicle authorisation*
2. *Supervision activities of NSAs including:*
  - a. *its supervision strategy and planning*
  - b. *integration of the risk-based approach for prioritisation*
  - c. *delivery of all supervision activities*
  - d. *NSA decision-making method, process and criteria*
  - e. *communication towards the sector and follow-up sector action plans*
  - f. *interfaces with other NSA activities such as safety certification and vehicle authorisation*
  - g. *supervision of application of Regulation 402/2013 on the common safety method for risk evaluation and assessment.*

*The Agency will further adapt its audit working tools for the auditors to best perform the audit within this reduced scope. '*

2. The scope for the 2<sup>nd</sup> audit cycle shall be defined based on the return of experience of the 1<sup>st</sup> audit cycle.

## **Article 2**

The present decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption. It will be published on the Agency website.

For the Management Board

The Chairwoman  
Clio LIÉGEOIS