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Belgium

regarding

Negative assessment of the Draft National Rules of Belgium in addition to the latest TSIs in force for the Rolling Stock and onboard CCS subsystems notified in the Reference Document Database by the Member State according to Article 25 of the Agency Regulation

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1. General Context

- 1.1 The scope extension of TSIs (with effect on 01 January 2015), the functional and technical harmonisation of requirements within TSIs made a series of national rules redundant and unnecessary.
- 1.2 The articles 13 and 14 of Directive(EU) 2016/797 indicate clearly cases where national rules may continue to apply:
 - New national rules may only be adopted in of the following cases (article 14(4)),:
 - o when a TSI does not fully meet the essential requirements;
 - o as an urgent preventive measure, in particular following an accident.
 - Existing national rules (article 13(2)) are limited to:
 - where the TSIs do not cover, or do not fully cover, certain aspects corresponding to the essential requirements, including open points as referred to in Article 4(6)Case where nonapplication of one or more TSIs or parts of them has been notified under article 7 of Directive(EU) 2016/797,
 - Specific cases listed but not described in TSIs,
 - o Ensure technical compatibility with existing network not yet in compliance with TSI,
 - o Vehicles excluded from the scope of TSIs,
 - o Urgent temporary preventive measure, in particular following an accident.
- 1.3 According to article 14 of Directive(EU) 2016/797, Member States had to notify existing national rules before 16 December 2016. When notifying, Members States have to provide justification for the existence of national rules (e.g. identification of the related open-point).
- 1.4 Member States shall notify their national rules for vehicle authorisation. According to the communication of the Commission in RISC, until the Single Rules Database is available, the notification is performed in the Reference Document Database (RDD).
- 1.5 Since 2016, in accordance to the ERA programme plan on cleaning-up of national rules ERA-PRG-006-PPL, Member States and the Agency started the activity on identification and evaluation of national rules in addition to the following TSIs:
 - TSI WAG: Commission Regulation (EU) No 321/2013, amended by Regulation (EU) No 1236/2013,
 - TSI LOC&PAS: Commission Regulation (EU) No 1302/2014,
 - TSI PRM: Commission Regulation (EU) No 1300/2014,
 - TSI Noise: Commission Regulation (EU) No 1304/2014,
 - TSI CCS: Commission Regulation (EU) No 2016/919 (including ERA/ERTMS/033281 rev 3.0 dated 04/12/2015).
- 1.6 From 16 June 2019 and pending the Single Rules Database, the Reference Document Database will be the reference for applicants, NSAs and the Agency in terms of applicable national rules for vehicle authorisation.
- 1.7 The scope of the technical opinion covers the examination of national rules (existing or draft) leading to a negative assessment by the Agency.
- 1.8 The complete assessment covering the examination of all national rules (existing or draft) in addition to TSIs mentioned in section 1.5 is available in the Evaluation Report of remaining national rules ERA-PRG-006-REP-RST.

2. Legal Background

- 2.1 According to the provisions of article 13.2 of Directive (EU) 2016/797, national rules and where relevant acceptable national means of compliance shall apply in the cases defined below:
 - a) where the TSIs do not cover, or do not fully cover, certain aspects corresponding to the essential requirements, including open points;
 - b) where non-application of one or more TSIs or parts of them;
 - c) where a specific case requires the application of technical rules not included in the relevant TSI;
 - d) national rules used to specify existing systems, limited to the aim of assessing technical compatibility of the vehicle with the network;
 - e) networks and vehicles not covered by TSIs;
 - f) as an urgent temporary preventive measure, in particular following an accident.
- 2.2 According to the provisions of article 14 (9) of Directive (EU) 2016/797, draft national rules and national rules referred to in paragraph 1 shall be examined by the Agency in accordance with the procedures laid down in Articles 25 and 26 of Regulation (EU) 2016/796.
- 2.3 According to the provisions of Article 25 (3) of the Agency Regulation 2016/796, where the examination referred to in paragraph 1 leads to a negative assessment, the Agency shall inform the Member State concerned and ask it to state its position regarding that assessment. If, following that exchange of views with the Member State concerned, the Agency maintains its negative assessment, the Agency shall within a maximum period of 1 month:
 - (a) issue an opinion addressed to the Member State concerned, stating the reasons why the national rule or rules in question should not enter into force and/or be applied; and
 - (b) inform the Commission of its negative assessment, stating the reasons why the national rule or rules in question should not enter into force and/or be applied.
 - This shall not prejudice the right of a Member State to adopt a new national rule in accordance with point (c) of Article 8(3) of Directive (EU) 2016/798 or with point (b) of Article 14(4) of Directive (EU) 2016/797
- 2.4 According to the provisions of Article 26 (3) of the Agency Regulation 2016/796, where the examination referred to in paragraph 1 leads to a negative assessment, the Agency shall inform the Member State concerned and ask it to state its position regarding that assessment. If, following that exchange of views with the Member State concerned, the Agency maintains its negative assessment, the Agency shall within a maximum period of 1 month:
 - (a) issue an opinion addressed to the Member State concerned, stating that the national rule or rules in question has or have been the subject of a negative assessment and the reasons why the rule or rules in question should be modified or repealed; and
 - (b) inform the Commission of its negative assessment, stating the reasons why the national rule or rules in question should be modified or repealed.

3. Analysis

3.1. Tasks under the responsibility of the Member States:

In accordance to rules cleaning-up programm plan ERA-PRG-006-PPL from March 2016, Member states were asked to :

- Identify and remove national rules covered by TSIs,
- Relate national rules to the TSIs and to the list of parameters defined in decision 2015/2299/EU,
- Clearly refer national rules not related to open point(s) or specific case(s) to TSI requirements in order to identify if they complement/contradict/replace TSIs for compatibility with existing networks,

- Ensure that the requirement is a mandatory rule. Acceptable national means of compliance in accordance to the definition in article 2 (34) of Directive 2016/797 is not considered as a national rule,
- Identify and analyse requirements that don't relate to any of the above, verify, in this case for example if the TSI is deficient/non-exhaustive.

Based on the outcome of this activity, Member States should have:

- Published their national rules in the Reference Document Database and
- Aligned their national legislation for vehicle authorisation with the Reference Document Database.

3.2. Tasks carried out by the Agency

During the project of cleaning up of national rules for vehicle authorisation covered by the Rules cleaning up program plan ERA-PRG-006-PPL, the Agency has:

- Provided technical support to Member States in the cleaning up of the remaining rules by ensuring:
 - O That rules relate to: Open points, Specific cases, Legacy system or rule duly justified for compatibility with existing fixed installation (i.e. a specific case not declared up to now).
 - O Consistency with the EU framework, including register of infrastructure and responsibilities of actors as defined in the Safety Directive and TSI OPE.
 - That the rule is transparent and not discriminatory.
 - o The update of the Reference Document Database.
- Assessed the relevance of the remaining national rules together with the Member states, using the Reference Document Database as a reference.
- Provided regular reporting to European commission on the progress made.
- Updated the Reference Document Database with the status of the evaluation.
- In accordance with article 25(3) of Agency regulation 2016/797, the Agency informed officially the Member States and the European Commission through a assessment report sent by email on the national rules in addition to latest TSIs (ERA-PRG-006-REP-RST). This report was published on the ERA websiste and uploaded on the CIRCABC.
- The Agency asked to the Member States to check the report, to provide comments and to take into consideration the actions proposed.
- Following exchange of views with Belgium, the Agency maintains its negative assessment on two draft national rules.

National rules subject to assessment by the Agency 3.2.1.

The table 1 below provides an overview of (draft) national rules notified by Member States and subject or not to an assessment by the Agency:

National Rules relates to	Published in RDD	Evaluated	Remarks
Vehicles in the scope of Loc&Pas and WAG TSIs	Yes	Yes	Freight wagons, Locomotives, Trainsets / Electric or Diese Multiple Unit, Passenger coaches, Track machines/OTMs.
Article 13.2(a): Open points listed in TSIs	Yes	Yes	TSIs clearly identify where a national rule may be kept and notified; traceability between TSIs and possible remaining national rules is clearly established, and the corresponding rules are recorded in RDD. The Agency checked if the national rule covers the scope of the open point.
Article 13.2(a): Other Directives	Yes	No	Corresponding rules are available in RDD. Anyway, it will have to be decided at later stage with the Commission how to deal with these rules, considering the mentioned Directives. As a general principle, the TSIs in force don't cover subjects in the scope of these other EU Directives.
		in the second	Corresponding parameters are defined in section 3.2.3 of the report ERA-PRG-006-REP-RST
Article 13.2 (b): Non application of TSI	No	No	
Article 13.2 (c): Specific cases mentioned but not described in TSIs	Yes	Yes	TSIs clearly identify where a national rule may be kept and notified. Traceability between TSIs and possible remaining national rules is clearly established, and the corresponding rules are recorded in RDD.
			The Agency checked if the national rule covers the scope of the specific case.
Article 13.2(d): Technical compatibility between vehicle and existing network(s)	Yes	Yes	This includes vehicles with ETCS pre-baseline 2 versions (e.g. 2.2.2), additional functionality implemented onboard (e.g. NTRs from other MS) and TSI options implemented trackside (e.g. infill).
Article 13.2 (e): Vehicles not covered by TSIs	No	No	Concern vehicles such as Tram-Train, metric gauge vehicle.
Article 13.2 (f): Urgent temporary preventive measure following an accident	No	No	

Table 1: Overview of national rules notified by Member States and subject or not to an assessment by the Agency

National Rules relates to	Published in RDD	Evaluated	Remarks
TSI potentially deficient or not exhaustive	Yes	Yes	National rules when accepted by the Agency are maintained pending the resolution of the potential deficiency.
Previous versions of TSIs not listed in section 3.1.2 of the report ERA-PRG- 006-REP-RST	Yes	No	
Vehicle not TSI compliant authorised before TSIs.	Yes	No	Rules are in RDD for reference/history and are not subject to Agency evaluation.

3.2.2. Summary of the results of the examination of national rules (draft)

The table 2 below provides an overview of the number of draft national rules and acceptable national means of compliance notified by the Member State in addition to latest TSIs and the results of the examination leading to a positive or negative assessment.

The annex 1 provides details of the assessment leading to negative assessment. The draft national rules subject to discussion/clarification with the Member State are also counted in the column "Negative assessment".

Table 2: number of draft national rules notified by Member states and results of the examination

	Number of draft	Results of the	examination	
Member States	national rules and Acceptable national means of compliance	Positive assessment	Negative assessment	Remarks
Belgium	48	46	2	1 National rule should be repealed 1 National rule should be modified

4. The opinion

In accordance with article 25(3) of Regulation 2016/796, the opinion covers the examination of draft national rules by the Agency leading to a negative assessment.

The annex 1 provides to the Member State:

- The list of actions to be taken into account,
- An assessment table with:
 - o The draft national rules concerned,
 - o The Agency assessment of each rule and the reasons why this is not accepted,
 - The status of the assessment indicating whether the rule(s) should be modified or repealed.

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ANNEX 1 - Examination of draft national rules leading to negative assessment Ŋ.

The following actions should be taken into account by Belgium:

- Adoption of the draft « Project d'annexe à l'arrêté royal du xx/xxxx/xxxx portant adoption des exigences applicables au matériel roulant pour l'utilisation des sillons ».
 - New publication of the adopted national rules in the Reference Document database will be needed after the adoption of the arrêté royale.

The table below presents the draft national rules where the evaluation performed by the Agency leads to a negative assessment.

Subvetem	Distribution of	Draft National rules	Examination of draft national rules leading to a negative	Agency
	remaining rules		assessment	assessment
_				status
SSS	ETCS and GSM-R	12.1.2.2-Other GSM-R requirements:	The national rule refers to clause 4.2.9.3.1 of Loc&Pas TSI	Not accepted
		Chaque engin muni d'une cabine de conduite	1302/2014 and clauses 5.8.2 and 5.13 in the EIRENE SRS	NR should be
		est équipé d'une radio GSM-R. l'équipement	reffered in CCS TSI 2016/919.	repealed
		bord est compatible avec les installations	The DSD alarm is an option in the TSI CCS 2016/919 and cannot	
		GSM-R au sol.	be imposed by a national rule.	
		Le logiciel du GSM-R installé est approuvé		
		pour être utilisé sur l'infrastructure	Agency:	
		ferroviaire belge.	Concerning the DSD alarm via GSM-R (as it is not mandatory in	
		150 (+30, 0) secondes après déclenchement	TSI CCS) this is an exported constraint and cannot be accepted.	
		de la veille automatique ou 30 secondes	The rule requires a TSI conform vehicle to have an additional	
		après déclanchement de la veille	physical link between the DSD device and the radio and the	
		automatique et arrêt du train et à défaut	implementation of an optional functionality in the cab radio.	
		intervention du conducteur, la radio GSM-R	Vehicles without the optional functionality in the cab radio may	
		émet automatiquement un appel d'urgence	be able to run, with a specific operational procedure in case of	
		vers le service de gestion du trafic ferroviaire.	driver unavailability, to be covered in the SMS.	
		Description: Reglement Generale Protection		
		au Travail (RGPT)	Following bilateral meeting with Belgium held on the 05 July	
			2019, NSA BE will maintain the National rule and will request a	
			change request to TSI CCS.	
SOO	CCS and Radio	12.2.1-National on-board signalling systems:	The national rules refers to clauses 4.2.6.1 (ETCS and Class B	Not accepted
	class B systems		train protection) of CCS TSI.	
	(legacy systems)			

Subvetem	Distribution of	Draft National rules	Examination of draft national rules leading to a negative	Agency	
Junyarem					
	remaining rules		assessment	assessment	
				status	
		En fonction des lignes parcourues, les cabines	NSA BE indicated that it is to be noted that the rules set in 12.2.1	National	rule
		de conduites des trains sont équipées des	are not additional rules to the CCS TSI, but rather rules	should	pe
		systèmes de signalisation appropriés.		modified	
		voir doc 20190710_AR_12_2.doc disponible	ETCS. The text was written in order to have readable rules for		
		dans RDD	the implementation of ETCS and it aims at enforcing the		
		Les performances de freinage calculées par le	Belgian ETCS implementation plan which was notified to the		
		système de signalisation de cabine ne sont	Commission. Splitting up this text would make these rules		
		pas supérieures aux performances de	unreadable and difficult to understand.		
		freinage réelles du train.			26
		Description:	Agency:		
		• STI CCS en vigeur;	The parameter 12.2.1 is intended to list the class B systems		
	9	Description fonctionnelle Memor – voir	which is not only the case in the document referred :		
		partie C de cette annexe;	20190710_AR_12_2.		
		SI (TP, Croco-Memo,z) DSG DSC 1.2 F :			
		Information mise à disposition par le	20190710_AR_112_2_		
		gestionnaire de l'infrastructure ;	i pdf		
		• Spécification TBL1+, version 3.4 :	Regarding the requirement demanding that the cabs should be		
		Information mise à disposition par le	equipped with the appropriate signaling system refered in the		
			document 20190710_AR_12_2:		
		Données nour les courbes de freinage.	 This is a route compatibility check topic and has nothing 		
		+	to do with Vehicle authorisation. At authorisation and		
		uisposition par	based on the area of use, the vehicle must be equipped		
		formisme de l'impastiucture,	with the correct class B system		
		Viatoraction and loc curthmon installed	- The requirement above should be repealed.		
		I infrastructure et la transition d'un systeme	Regarding the requirement related to braking performance		
		e ront i objet a etuaes ae	calculated by the cab signaling system :		
		appropries et de parcours d'essais	- A cab signaling system normally should calculate the		
		EN 50136	braking curves in a safe way. This is dependent on the		
		FN 50128	operational condition of the train, and can require		
		FN 50129	manual data entry. Therefore this is an issue of SMS.		
			The wording (requirement) of the NTR is not clear.		

Agency assessment status	
Examination of draft national rules leading to a negative assessment	Regarding the information mentioned in the description field: - "CCS TSI in force": Belgium to explain what is the link with class B? - Register infrastructure / infrastructure data made available by the infrastructure manager: what is the link with vehicle authorisation The document 20190710_AR_12_2 should be modified as it contains not only rules for classe B and vehicle authorisation but also rules related to e.g: - Operational requirements that should be covered by SMS (e.g clauses 1 and 2). - ETCS rules already covered by CCS TSI (e.g clause 6) The rule in parameter 12.2.1 should mention the relevant clause of the document "20190710_AR_12_2", the other clauses of the documents should be repealed (e.g SMS) or assigned to another parameter.
Draft National rules	Registre de l'infrastructure / données de l'infrastructure mises à disposition par le gestionnaire de l'infrastructure
Distribution of remaining rules	
Subystem	



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Light Impact Assessment

4th Railway Package — Cleaning up National rules for Vehicle Authorisation

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1. Context and problem definition

1.1. Problem and problem drivers

One of the main objectives of the 4th Railway Package (RP) is to increase the efficiency of the authorisation process of vehicles and to ensure transparency and non-discrimination of applicants in this process.

Applicants for vehicle authorisations have to demonstrate compliancy with TSIs and with national rules notified by MSs.

The scope extension of TSIs, the functional and technical harmonisation of requirements within TSIs made a number of national rules redundant and unnecessary.

Problem/need to be addressed:

In accordance with Art. 14 (9) of Interoperability Directive 2016/797 the Agency examined the draft national rules and national rules notified in accordance to Art 13.2. The majority of rules were cleaned in consensus with the MS. The Technical Opinion focus on rules where there is disagreement between MS and the Agency concerning their justifications/acceptance. These rules might represent an obstacle in the vehicle authorisation process.

1.2. Main assumptions

- 1. In June 2012, the European Commission has commissioned an impact assessment in view of the preparation of the 4th RP, hereinafter referred to as the 4th RP IA¹. The cleaning of national rules is represented as an horizontal measure (to increase efficiency of the authorisation process) in all evaluated option. (where one of the option was the policy package summarized as 4th RP). This LIA uses this IA as main source for economic data.
- 2. The TO only identifies the remaining rules in addition to TSIs refered in section of the TO where there is disagreement between MS and the Agency. As long as there is no removal or modification of the concerned rule(s), there is no economic impact. In this LIA we assume, that as a consequence of publication of the TO, the MS will withdraw the remaining rules so that an economic impact will appear.
- 3. The majority of national rules was cleaned in consensus with the MS, which already lead to a significant reduction of applicable rules in the framework of vehicle authorisation (e.g. from approx. 14.000 national rules to less than 1000 national rules). As a consequence this achievement contributes significantly to the economic impacts of the complete cleaning process. The scope of the TO focus on the remaining rules where there is disagreement between MS and Agency, It contributes much lower to the economic impacts of the complete cleaning process.

¹ See https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/modes/rail/studies/doc/2012-06-ia-support-study-era-final-report.pdf

1.3.	Stakeholders		
	affected	Category of stakeholder	Importance of the problem (*)
		National Safety Authorities	NSAs have to check the national part of the application for vehicle authorisation. However as compliance with national rules is checked by a DeBo, they are not directly concerned by the problem. However NSAs might be in charge of the management of national rules, especially keeping them up to date. In this context the problem could be relevant for them.
		ERA	Although ERA is not involved in the assessment of the national part of the application for vehicle authorisation, ERA is delivering the final authorisation decision. For this reason, ERA is concerned by the problem however in a limited way.
		Vehicle Supplier	5 As applicants for vehicle authorisations they have to declare compliance with all applicable national rules.
		RUs	5 If they are applicants for vehicle authorisations – see vehicle suppliers
		Infrastructure Managers	5 If they are applicants for vehicle authorisations – see vehicle suppliers
		Note: Other stakeholders not list are not impacted.	ed in this table like IMs, wagon keepers
		*) 1=low; 5=high	
1.4.	Evidence and magnitude of the problem	1	blem related to the inefficiency of the analysed in detail in the 4 th RP impact roblem definition).
			em for all EU countries was not quantified but npact of hundreds of millions EUR for the
1.5.	Baseline scenario		s, where there is disagreement between MS their justifications/acceptance, are kept in f this TO by the MS.
1.6.	Subsidiarity and proportionality		of article 14 (9) of Directive (EU) 2016/797, onal rules referred to in paragraph 1 shall be

I .	examined by the Agency in accordance with the procedures laid down in Articles 25 and 26 of Regulation (EU) 2016/796
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2. Objectives

2.1.	Strategic and	Strategic objective(s) of the Agency with which this initiative is coherent.
	specific objectives	 □ Europe becoming the world leader in railway safety □ Promoting rail transport to enhance its market share ☑ Improving the efficiency and coherence of the railway legal framework
		 □ Optimizing the Agency's capabilities ☑ Transparency, monitoring and evaluation ☑ Improve economic efficiency and societal benefits in railways □ Fostering the Agency's reputation in the world
		The specific objective is to Increase the efficiency of the vehicle authorisation processes (Specific Objective 1);
2.2.	Link with Railway Indicators	N/A

3. Options

3.1.	List of options	Baseline
		Option 1 – Technical Opinion
3.2.	Description of	Baseline - corresponds to the Baseline of the 4th RP IA
	options	> No cleaning of national rules
		Option 1 – TO Negative Assessment of National Rules
		 Description of remaining rules where there is disagreement between MS and ERA about their justification. Further Assumption: These remaining rules will be removed or modified by the MS as a consequence of the publication of the TO
3.3.	Uncertainties/risks	1. The residual risk (related to a potential incompatibility with the network of the concerned MS) resulting from a removal or modification of a national rule is not taken into account in this LIA. It is considered to be marginal or non existent.
		2. The estimation of benefits of the 4 th RP as stated in the 4 th RP IA was based on stakeholders' opinion survey and was performed in 2012. More updated evidence is not yet available.

4. Impacts of the options

4.1.	Impacts of the
	options
	(qualitative
	analysis)

The positive or negative impacts from the option are derived by comparing the option against the baseline.

Category of stakeholder		Option 1
NSAs	Positive	Reduced costs in the framework of management of
	impacts	keeping up to date remaining national rules
	Negative	N/A
	impacts	
Agency	Positive	
	impacts	Less work in the framework of classification of
		national rules (art 14.10)
	Negative	N/A
	impacts	
RUs	Positive	They profit from clear and transparent national rules
	impacts	Reduced costs for vehicle (type) configaration
		management (e.g. in terms of vehicle change
		management and management of its operational
		use)
	Negative	N/A
	Impacts	
Vehicle	Positive	see RUs
Suppliers	impacts	
	Negative	N/A
	Impacts	

		Overall assessment (input for section 5.1)	Positive impacts Negative impacts	managemen	ts for vehicle (type) configaration t due to an increase in the efficiency and of the authorisation process.		
4.2. Impacts of the options (quantitative analysis)	Category stakehold RUs, Suppliers	of der	ts (euro) euro)	Option 1 <<100 M€ (1) N/A			
	NSAs	Benefi Costs (N/A N/A			
		Agency	Benefi Costs (ts (euro) euro)	N/A N/A		
		Overall	Benefi Costs (ts (euro)	<<100 M€ N/A		
		of national r process. How considered m	(1) Based on 4th RP IA: section 5.59 — estimated benefits for cleaning up of national rules. The amount of 100 M€ relates to the complete cleaning process. However the economic impact with regards to the TO can be considered much lower. Overall resulting figures:				
		СВА	СВА		Option 1		
		NPV		<<100 M€			
·		B/C ratio			>1		

5. Comparison of options and preferred option

5.1.	Effectiveness criterion (options' response to specific objectives)	The proposed option meets all specific objectives . Comparison not applicable as only one option was proposed and the baseline is not legally compliant with the 4 th RP in force.
5.2.	Efficiency (NPV and B/C ratio) criterion	The proposed option retrieves positive NPV (<< 100 M€) and B/C ratio >1 Comparison not applicable as only one option was proposed and the baseline is not legally compliant with the 4 th RP in force.
5.3.	Summary of the comparison	N/A as there is only one option.
5.4.	Preferred option(s)	The proposed option is recommended in terms of both effectiveness and efficiency. There is no alternative proposal concerning the implementation of the 4 th RP.

5.5.	Further work	The risks mentioned under section of 3.3 have to be closely monitored
	required	once the 4 th RP is transposed in all Member States, in particular to detect
		any potential negative economic impacts.

6. Monitoring and evaluation

6.1.	Monitoring indicators	N/A
6.2.	Future evaluations	N/A