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DECISION n°300

of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the ERA Internal Control Framework and repealing Decision n°191 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the revised ERA Management Standards

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 Railways¹ (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”) and repealing Regulation (EC) No. 881/2004 (hereinafter called “the Regulation”), and in particular Article 54(5) point g ,

Having regard to the Decision n°206 of the Management Board of the European Railway Agency adopting the Financial Regulation and in particular article 44§2 thereof, hereinafter the ‘Financial Regulation’,

Having regard to the Communication to the Commission from Commissioner Oettinger on Revision of Internal Control Framework C(2017) 2373.

Whereas,

1. The currently implemented Integrated Management System based on requirements specified in the Internal Control Framework (ICS), developed by the European Commission and the International Quality management standard ISO 9001:2015, need to be updated and limited to the set requirements and the European Commission Internal Control Framework
2. The European Commission Internal Control Framework should be adopted with minor modifications taking into account the specific governance arrangements of the Agency by means of a new decision of the Management Board,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The ERA Internal Control Framework, as set out in the Annex to this decision, is hereby adopted.

¹. OJ L 138 26.5.2016, p. 1-43.

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Article 2

The Executive Director is mandated to adopt the necessary measures to implement the new system deriving from the adoption of the ERA Internal Control framework.

Article 3 – Repeals

Decision n°191 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways adopting the revised ERA Management Standards dated 17 January 2019 is hereby repealed.

Article 4 – Date of application

This decision shall take effect the day following that of its adoption. It shall be published on the Agency's website.

For the Management Board

The Chairperson
Clio LIÉGEOIS

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Annex

ERA Internal Control Framework

<i>Components</i>	<i>Principles</i>
I. Control environment	1. Demonstrates commitment to integrity and ethical values
	2. Management exercises oversight responsibility and reports regularly to the Management Board. The Management Board ensures that the Agency carries out its tasks in line with the internal control framework.
	3. Management establishes, structures, reporting lines, and appropriate authorities and responsibilities.
	4. Demonstrates commitment to attract, develop, and retain competent individuals in alignment with objectives.
	5. Holds individuals accountable for their internal control responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.
II. Risk assessment	6. Specifies suitable objectives with sufficient clarity to enable identification and assessment of risks.
	7. Identifies and analyses risks to the achievement of its objectives across the organisation
	8. Assesses the potential for fraud in assessing risks to the achievement of objectives.
	9. Identifies and assesses changes that could significantly impact the internal control system.
III. Control activities	10. Selects and develops control activities that contribute to the mitigation of risks to the achievement of objectives to acceptable level.
	11. Selects and develops general control activities over technology to support the achievement of objectives. Deploys through policies and procedures
	12. Deploys control activities through corporate policies that establish what is expected and in procedures that put policies into action.
IV. Information and communication	13. Obtains or generates and uses relevant quality information to support the functioning of internal control.

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	14. Communicates internally information, including objectives and responsibilities for internal control necessary to support the functioning of internal control.
	15. Communicates with external parties about matters affecting the functioning of internal control.
V. Monitoring activities	16. Selects, develops and performs ongoing and/or separate assessments to ascertain whether the components of the internal control are present and functioning
	17. Assesses and communicates internal control deficiencies in a timely manner to those parties responsible for taking corrective action, including senior management and the management board, as appropriate.