

## Situation:

- UNIFE confirm the most urgent point to be properly address for the time being is the **TRANSITIONAL PROVISION**, currently no transition as such is planned, but a switch of regime on 16 June 2019 creating uncertainties/risks for several projects planned in 2019-2020 and a big financial and competitive drawback on the whole railway sector
- This is creating a **gap** where the applicant cannot submit an application 4-6 months prior to June 2019

## Consequence:

- The sector cannot accept the advise of the EC legal service. We must find a common solution for the sector ensuring a **smooth transition**, avoiding additional delays, costs and work/documentation
- UNIFE calls for a proper management of this sensitive point, that should not hinder to the competitiveness of the European rail industry

## Proposal:

- Transitional provisions in the rail sector are not new, TSIs contain transitional provisions based on the 'advance stage of development'. UNIFE proposed to introduce the same principle in the vehicle authorisation based on '**advanced stage of authorisation**'. This means project applications submitted must be able to continue under the regime in which it started
- Similar to the aviation experience – the railway sector may be able to accept a system in which the work already carried out by National authorities will be actively transferred and taken over by the European authority

# **UNIFE – The European Rail Supply Industry's point of view**

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- UNIFE represents the **European Rail Supply Industry** (rolling stock, infrastructure, sub-systems and signalling)
- UNIFE is a **trusted partner of European and international institutions** in all matters related to rail transport
- 88 full members of the largest and small and medium-sized companies in the rail supply sector and 16 associated members including 14 National Associations, representing almost 1000 suppliers of railway equipment

***World leaders:***

**UNIFE members have a 84% market share in Europe and supply 46% of the worldwide rail production**





# Associate Members

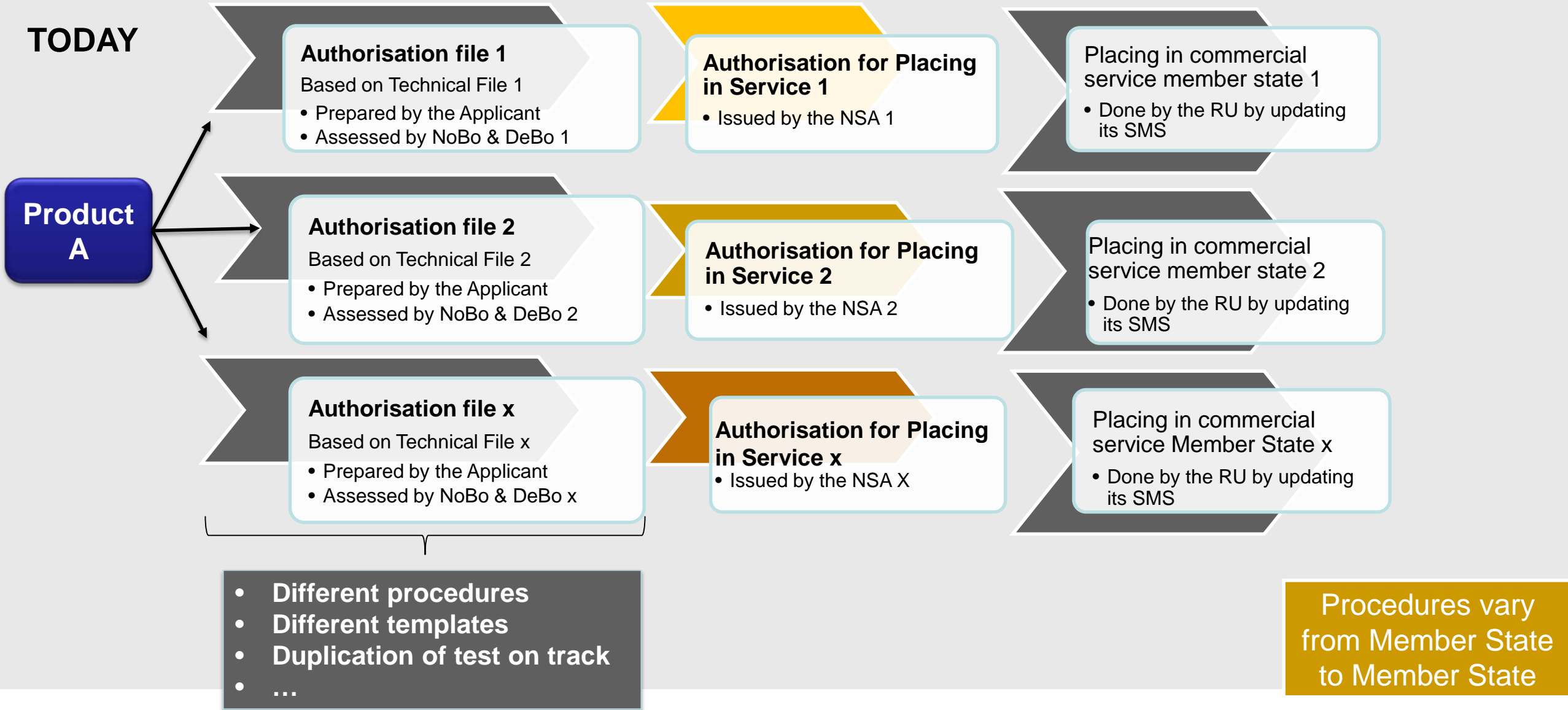


- UNIFE has always been a **strong supporter** of the Fourth Railway Package Technical Pillar, which is of paramount importance for the competitiveness of the European Rail Supply Industry.
- UNIFE welcomes its implementation and the huge efforts made by the Agency and European Commission's team to deliver all the necessary steps in due time.
- UNIFE main interests are:
  - Vehicle Authorisation
  - ERTMS trackside approval
  - Fees & Charges
  - Board of Appeal
  - One-Stop-Shop
- UNIFE emphasises that the overall goal of the Technical Pillar **to reduce time, cost and technical barriers** of the authorisation process must remain the priority!

## Vehicle Authorisation: Towards simplified and harmonised procedures

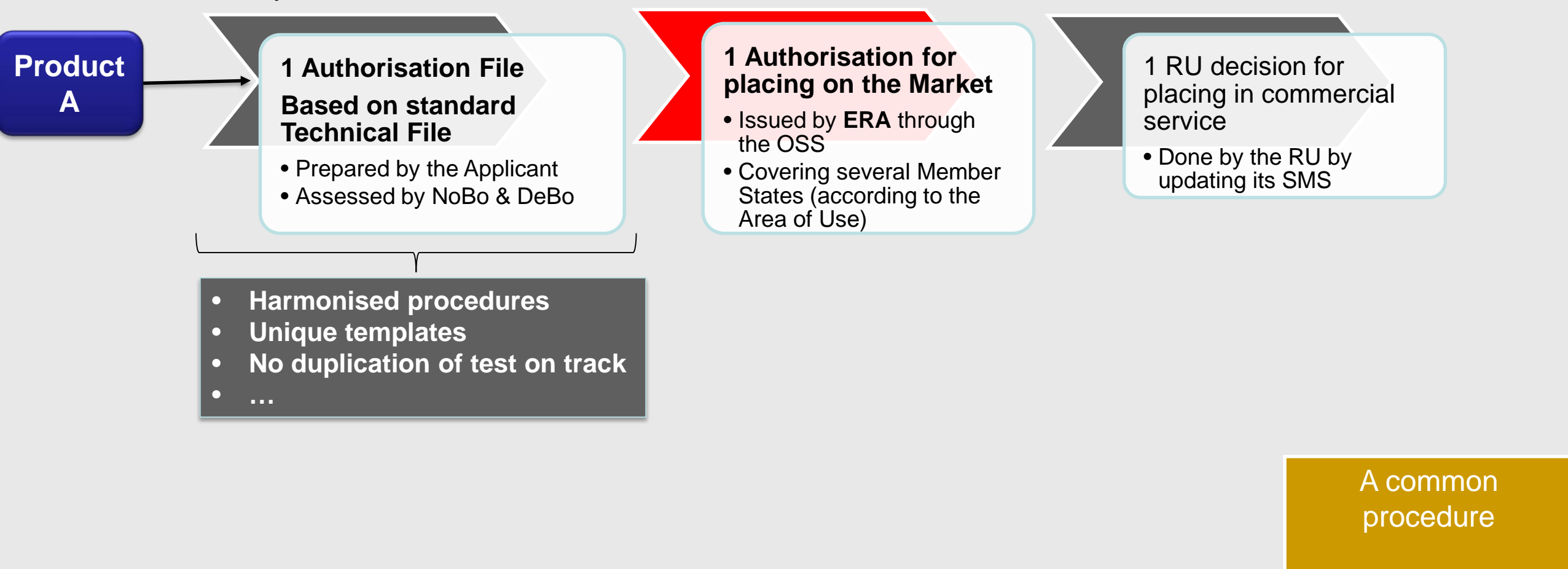
- UNIFE is generally supportive of the draft text that the Agency proposed to the European Commission on the Implementing Act for Vehicle Authorisation.
- In general terms, UNIFE calls for a **simplified and harmonised** authorisation procedures throughout Europe, so to ease this complex process.
- Why is it of paramount importance for the European Rail Supply Industry to get one authorisation system compared to the today complex system based on many different authorisations for a same product?

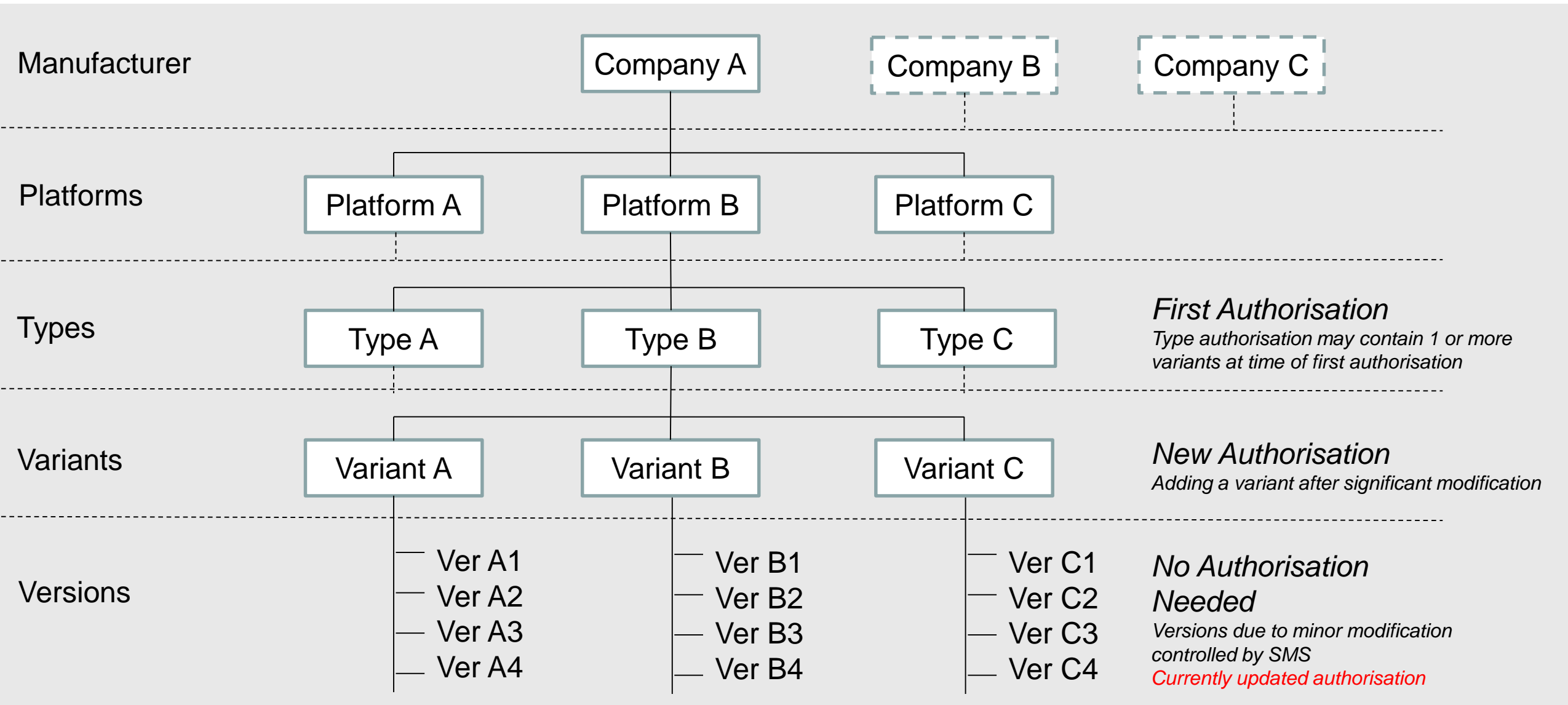
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**TOMORROW (New Regime) : ERA as Authorising Entity** to overcome today's obstacles





- **UNIFE believe the tools given by the draft text of the IA, namely the definition of Type, Variant and Version, will allow the applicant a simplified authorisation environment for the so called “platforms” and small modification of existing types**
- **Similarly, a good pre-engagement between applicant and authorising entity will give solid basis for a smooth authorisation process without any “surprises” at late stage**
- **The clarified provisions on Type/Variant/Version, pre-engagement, authorisation types, use of OSS etc, should result in a **simplified, harmonised, quicker and cheaper** process**

**Thank you for your attention**

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