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RECOMMENDATION N. 013REC1047 OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS

on

*the common specifications for the register of railway
infrastructure and repealing Commission Implementing Decision
2014/880/EU*

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HAVING REGARD TO Directive (EU) 2016/797 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union, hereafter referred to as the 'the Interoperability Directive', in particular Article 49 thereof,

HAVING REGARD TO Regulation (EU) 2016/796 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Railways and repealing Regulation (EC) No 881/2004, hereafter referred to as the 'Agency Regulation', in particular Article 37 thereof,


Whereas:

- (1) Article 47 of Directive (EU) 2016/797 requires the Commission to adopt by means of implementing acts the common specifications for the register of infrastructure.
- (2) Article 37 of Regulation (EU) 2016/796 requires the Agency to act as the system authority for all registers and databases referred to in particular in Directive (EU) 2016/797. In such capacity the Agency may address recommendations to the Commission regarding improvements to the existing registers.
- (3) The Member States have to step up their register of railway infrastructure according to Commission Implementing Decision 2014/880/EU of 26 November 2014 on the common specifications of the register of railway infrastructure. National data are publicly available for consultation via a computerised common user interface managed by the Agency.
- (4) New provisions introduced by Article 49 of the Interoperability Directive (EU) 2016/797 require the register of infrastructure to publish the values of the network parameters necessary to check the technical compatibility with vehicles and, if relevant, conditions for the use of fixed installation and other restrictions.
- (5) The capability of the register of railway infrastructure to address the needs of the Interoperability Directive must be reinforced: this required the revision of the RINF Decision.
- (6) In accordance with Article 5 of the Agency Regulation and with the work programme of the Agency, a working party has been established for making a proposal for a recommendation for the revision of the Decision 2014/880/EU. The role of such RINF Development working party, established since end of 2011, was strengthened adding also the task of the revision of the decision 2014/880/EU. The working party has completed its work in June 2018.
- (7) An impact assessment in accordance with Article 8 of the Agency Regulation has been carried out during the revision of the Decision 2014/880/EU. The proposed amendments of the specifications are covered by that impact assessment.

HAS ADOPTED the following recommendation: the common specifications for the register of infrastructure referred to in Article 49 of Directive (EU) 2016/797 and repealing Commission Implementing Decision 2014/880/EU as set out in the Annex of this Recommendation, should be adopted.

This recommendation is addressed to the European Commission.

Valenciennes, **27 JUL. 2018**



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Enclosed: Draft Commission Implementing [Act] on the common specifications of the register of railway infrastructure referred to in Article 49 of Directive (EU) 2016/797 and repealing Decision 2014/880/EU;

Accompanying Report to the Recommendation 013REC1047.

Impact assessment report 013REC1047

