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# RECOMMENDATION N. ERA1226 OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS

on

*setting out the procedure for registration of rail vehicles in the Union and the technical and functional specifications for the European Vehicle Register referred to in Directive (EU) 2016/797 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1614*

## THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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 (Recast), in particular Articles 22 and 47 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 and 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 technical and functional specifications for the European Vehicle Register. Those implementing acts shall be adopted on the basis of a recommendation of the Agency. Therefore, a working party was setup by the Agency to draft the technical and functional specifications for the European Vehicle Register (EVR).
- (2) Article 47 of Directive (EU) 2016/797 requires the European Vehicle Register to be operational by 16 June 2021.
- (3) Article 37 of Regulation (EU) 2016/796 requires the Agency to setup and maintain, where relevant in cooperation with the competent national actors, the EVR. The Agency shall make the EVR publicly available under the conditions referred to in Article 47 of Directive (EU) 2016/797.
- (4) To ensure harmonised traceability of vehicles and their history, vehicles registration should be harmonised throughout the Union under a European vehicle number in the European Vehicle Register
- (5) To increase the competitiveness of the railway sector and reduce administrative burden and costs for stakeholders, the European Commission should review the technical and function specifications for the European Vehicle Register lay down in Decision (EU) 2018/1614 with the aim to harmonising vehicles registration across the Union and ensuring that checks already carried out during the authorisation process are repeated during the registration process. To that end, the Agency for Railways should act as registration entity for the vehicles it authorises.

- (6) The European Vehicle Register should be revised taking into consideration the IT applications and registers already set up by the Agency and the Member States, with the final objective of facilitating access to data by allowing public access and enabling machine-to-machine data consumption.

HAS ADOPTED the following recommendation:

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This Recommendation is addressed to the European Commission.

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## Enclosed:

- Draft Commission Implementing Act On setting out the procedure for registration of rail vehicles in the Union and the technical and functional specifications for the European Vehicle Register referred to in Directive (EU) 2016/797 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1614:
  - Act
  - Annex
  - Technical Documents
- Accompanying Report to the Recommendation ERA1226;
- Light Impact assessment