

# Community's railways: safety, licensing, levying of charges, certification. 2nd package

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Dirk STERCKX (ELDR, Belgium), reinstating a number of amendments made at first reading. The key amendments are as follows: - the introduction of new national rules should be kept to a minimum; - Member States must ensure that measures to develop and improve rail safety take account of the need for a system-based approach; - manufacturers, maintenance suppliers, wagon keepers and service providers have a responsibility to ensure that stock and services comply with specified requirements; - there are shorter deadlines for the introduction of common safety targets and methods; - the Agency must make recommendations regarding the development of a single standard form for the publication of safety rules and establishing language arrangements in order to make the relevant information more easily accessible to users; - the Commission must monitor the introduction of new national rules by Member States; - a summary of the application guidance document must be provided in at least English French and German; - staff performing vital safety tasks must have access to training facilities; - Certificates issued to train drivers, staff accompanying trains and staff performing vital safety tasks must be treated as valid for the rail network for which they were originally granted, irrespective of the railway undertaking for which the certified member of staff works.