

Rail transport: interoperability of the trans-European conventional rail system

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ACT: Commission Decision concerning a technical specification for interoperability relating to the control-command and signalling sub-system of the trans-European **High Speed** rail system and modifying Annex A to Decision 2006/697/EC concerning the technical specification for interoperability relating to the control-command and signalling subsystem of the trans-European **conventional** rail system.

CONTENT: this act updates and renews the 2004 Technical Specification for Interoperability or “TSI” *relating to control and command and signalling subsystem of the **High Speed** rails system* in order to take account of technical progress and experience gained. The new TSI is based on work conducted by the AEIF.

At the same time the Decision corrects erroneous references in Annex A to the TSI *laying down the technical specification for interoperability relating to the control-command and signalling subsystem of the trans-European **conventional** rail system* (Council Decision 2006/679/EC. For a summary see above.)

In summary, this Decision:

- Adopts a TSI relating to the control and signalling subsystem of the trans-European High Speed railway. The TSI is set out in the Annex to this Decision.
- It will apply to all new, upgraded or renewed rolling stock or lines of trans-European high speed rail systems.

Member States must notify, within six months of notification the following to the European Commission:

- a list of applicable technical rules which are considered “Open Points”;
- a list of the subsystem signalling, radio and transmission matrix (Annex B);
- a list of the conformity assessment and checking procedures; and
- a list of the bodies appointed for carrying out conformity assessment.

Member States must establish a national implementation plan of the TSI and forward this plan to the other Member States and the Commission. On the basis of these national plans the Commission will draft an EU Master Plan.

- Annex A to the TSI “laying down the technical specification for interoperability relating to the control-command and signalling subsystem of the trans-European **conventional** rail system”, (Council Decision 2006/679/EC) will be replaced by Annex A to the high speed rail system TSI. This allows for an update of the 1529 mm track gauge locomotives and trains.

REPEAL: Decision 2002/731/EC is repealed. Its provisions will continue to apply in relation to the maintenance of projects authorised in accordance with the TSI annexed to that Decision. It will also apply to projects for a new line and for the renewal or upgrading of an existing line which are at an advanced stage of development – or which are the subject of a contract at the date of notifying the present Decision.

Member States are obliged to notify an exhaustive list of the sub-systems and interoperability constituents which continue to apply the 2002 TSI to the Commission.

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