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<p><b>2020/0071(COD)</b></p> <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Interoperability of the rail system within the EU and Railway safety (4th Railway Package): extension of the transposition period</p> <p>Amending Directive 2016/797 <a href="#">2013/0015(COD)</a> Amending Directive 2016/798 <a href="#">2013/0016(COD)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>2.10.03 Standardisation, EC/EU standards and trade mark, certification, compliance 3.20.02 Rail transport: passengers and freight 3.20.02.01 Railway safety 3.20.11 Trans-European transport networks</p> <p><b>Legislative priorities</b></p> <p><a href="#">The EU's response to the Covid-19 pandemic</a></p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">TRAN</span> Transport and Tourism		
Council of the European Union			
European Economic and Social Committee			
European Committee of the Regions			

Key events			
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29/04/2020	Legislative proposal published	COM(2020)0179 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
13/05/2020	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0129/2020	<a href="#">Summary</a>
13/05/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
15/05/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
25/05/2020	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
25/05/2020	Final act signed		
26/05/2020	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/05/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2020/0071(COD)
<b>Procedure type</b>	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)

<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Directive
	Amending Directive 2016/797 <a href="#">2013/0015(COD)</a> Amending Directive 2016/798 <a href="#">2013/0016(COD)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 170 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 091-p1-ae
<b>Mandatory consultation of other institutions</b>	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a> <a href="#">European Committee of the Regions</a>
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	TRAN/9/02874

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0129/2020</a>	13/05/2020	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Council of the EU				
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Draft final act		<a href="#">00014/2020/LEX</a>	25/05/2020	
European Commission				
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Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2020)0179</a> 	29/04/2020	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		<a href="#">SP(2020)229</a>	10/06/2020	

Final act	
<a href="#">Directive 2020/0700</a> <a href="#">OJ L 165 27.05.2020, p. 0027</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>

## Interoperability of the rail system within the EU and Railway safety (4th Railway Package): extension of the transposition period

2020/0071(COD) - 13/05/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 646 votes to 6, with 38 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive (EU) 2016/797 and Directive (EU) 2016/798, as regards the extension of their transposition period.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure. As the agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act.

The proposal aims at extending the deadline for transposition of the Directives on railway safety and interoperability of the rail system contained in the Fourth Railway Package in order to give the railway sector and the authorities the necessary flexibility and legal certainty in the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The deadline for transposition of the Directives on railway safety and interoperability of the rail system contained in the fourth railway package, currently set at 16 June 2020, shall be extended until 31 October 2020.

# Interoperability of the rail system within the EU and Railway safety (4th Railway Package): extension of the transposition period

2020/0071(COD) - 27/05/2020 - Final act

**PURPOSE:** to extend the deadline for transposing the Directives on railway safety and the interoperability of the rail system in the fourth railway package, following the COVID-19 outbreak.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Directive (EU) 2020/700 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives (EU) 2016/797 and (EU) 2016/798, as regards the extension of their transposition periods.

**CONTENT:** under the adopted Regulation, the deadline for transposition of the directives on railway safety and the interoperability of the rail system contained in the fourth railway package currently set at 16 June 2020 shall be extended to 31 October 2020.

This shall provide the railway sector and the authorities with greater legal certainty and flexibility to deal with the exceptional circumstances resulting from the spread of the coronavirus.

Several delegated acts were adopted on the basis of directive 2016/798, taking into account the original transposition deadlines. In view of the current situation, these delegated acts need to be aligned to the new transposition deadline.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 28.5.2020.

# Interoperability of the rail system within the EU and Railway safety (4th Railway Package): extension of the transposition period

2020/0071(COD) - 29/04/2020 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to extend by three months, the final transition period of Directive (EU) 2016/797 on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union and Directive (EU) 2016/798 on railway safety following the COVID-19 outbreak.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** the negative economic consequences of the current COVID-19 outbreak could endanger the financial health of railway undertakings and infrastructure managers and have serious negative effects on the transport system and the economy as a whole.

Unusually, in accordance with [Directive \(EU\) 2016/797](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union and [Directive \(EU\) 2016/798](#) on railway safety, Member States had a choice of two transposition deadlines – 16 June 2019, or, upon notification to the Commission and the European Union Agency for Railways, 16 June 2020.

Only eight Member States have transposed both Directives in 2019 (BG, FI, FR, GR, IT, NL, RO, SI). In the light of COVID-19 outbreak, most of the remaining 17 Member States have requested a delay to transposition, claiming they will be unable to complete the necessary legislation before 16 June 2020.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak struck in the final stage of adoption of the national transposition measures, it is proposed that Member States should be allowed an additional period of three months to complete the transposition process.

Given the extraordinary circumstances, it is entirely understandable that final transposition may be impossible before 16 June 2020.

**CONTENT:** therefore, the Commission proposes that Member States should be able to complete the process in an additional period of three months (16 September 2020).

A number of implementing acts and delegated acts have been adopted in accordance with Directive (EU) 2016/797 and Directive (EU) 2016/798. Given the dual transposition deadline, according transitional provisions and dates for entry into force have been introduced therein.

The Commission shall propose a set of amendments to the implementing acts to align them with the extension of the transposition deadlines following the adoption of the proposed Directive. For the relevant delegated acts, the existing procedure set out in Directive (EU) 2016/798 would not allow an alignment with the extension of the transposition deadlines on time. Thus, a legal basis and simplified procedure for the further alignment is provided in the proposal.