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“RAILWAY GAUGE CODE”

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Message

Message 002

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Translation of the message 001

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

"RAILWAY GAUGE CODE"

6. Products Concerned

Railway lines and rolling stock.

7. Notification Under Another Act

- DIRECTIVE 2004/49/EC OF 24 APRIL 2004 ON SAFETY ON THE COMMUNITY'S RAILWAYS.

DIRECTIVE 2008/57/EC OF 17 JUNE 2008 ON THE INTEROPERABILITY OF THE RAIL SYSTEM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

8. Main Content

The aim of this Code is to define the gauges to be considered both for vehicle construction (rolling stock gauge) and for the positioning of components close to the track (clearance gauge).

It also defines the loading gauges for open wagons and the minimum loading distances that must be maintained from side walls or stanchions on freight wagons.

Adherence to these gauges ensures railway traffic safety in order to avoid interference between vehicles, and between vehicles and infrastructure.

The Railway Gauge Code has been drawn up on the basis of the technical specifications for interoperability and the European gauge standard EN 15273.

The requirements contained in the TSIs have been supplemented by the regulation of cases that are specific to the national railway network and by specifications that fill in the gaps found in the approved TSIs or during the development phase. In this context, with regard to technical specifications that apply in the absence of the relevant TSI, and in specific cases, the Railway Gauge Code must also be subject to notification in accordance with the procedure laid down in Directive 2008/57/EC of 17 June 2008 on the interoperability of the rail system within the Community.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Need to update the technical code on network gauges in force since 1985 to harmonise it with the technical



standards for interoperability and the European gauge standard EN 15273.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No basic texts exist

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect:

Yes

SPS aspect:

No - the draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure.

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