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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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 within the European Union<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 49(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive (EU) 2016/797 clarifies the roles of railway actors, especially railway undertakings and infrastructure managers, in relation to the checks to be performed before the use of authorised vehicles.
- (2) The register of railway infrastructure should provide transparency on the characteristics of the network and be used as a reference database. In particular, it should be used in combination with the values of the parameters recorded in the vehicle authorisation for placing on the market, to check the technical compatibility between a vehicle and a route.
- (3) The list of parameters of the register of railway infrastructure and the common user interface set out in Commission Implementing Decision 2014/880/EU<sup>(2)</sup> should be updated in order to allow for the checking of vehicle-route compatibility. At the same time, the register of infrastructure web-based application (RINF Application) should replace the common user interface.
- (4) The RINF Application should be set up and managed by the European Union Agency for Railways (the 'Agency') and should provide access to the Member States' asset record stating the values of the network parameters of each subsystem or part of subsystem concerned. In particular, Member States should use it to comply with the publication obligation provided for in Article 49(1) of Directive (EU) 2016/797, in order to provide users with a single entry point.
- (5) Data relating to the parameters specified in the table in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/880/EU is to be collected and inserted, for the whole Union rail system, in the register of railway infrastructure by 16 March 2019, in accordance with Article 5 of that Decision. Data relating to new parameters specified in this Regulation should

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be collected and inserted in the register of infrastructure in due time to achieve the objectives of Directive (EU) 2016/797, in particular to allow for the checking of vehicle-route compatibility on the basis of the RINF Application. RINF Application should be operational at the latest when this Regulation enters into application and data relating to parameters relevant for the checking of vehicle-route compatibility should be collected and inserted by 16 January 2020 at the latest and as soon as practicable.

- (6) Each Member State should designate a national registration entity to be responsible for the coordination of the submission and regular update of data of its register of infrastructure.
- (7) Infrastructure managers should collect data relating to their network and ensure that data submitted to registration entities is complete, consistent, accurate and up to date.
- (8) Further developments of the RINF Application should facilitate the checking of vehicle-route compatibility and the compilation of the route book with information from the RINF Application. The Agency should assess the benefits and cost of RINF Application add-ons and implement them as appropriate.
- (9) The Agency should set up an application guide describing and where necessary explaining the requirements of this Regulation. The guidelines should be updated, published and made available to the public free of charge.
- (10) On 27 July 2018, the Agency issued a recommendation on the common specifications for the register of railway infrastructure to update the functions of the register of infrastructure with Directive (EU) 2016/797.
- (11) Implementing Decision 2014/880/EU should therefore be repealed.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee referred to in Article 51(1) of Directive (EU) 2016/797,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### *Article 1*

### **Common specifications for the register of infrastructure**

1 The common specifications for the register of infrastructure referred to in Article 49 of Directive (EU) 2016/797 shall be those laid down in the Annex to this Regulation.

2 Each Member State shall ensure the values of the parameters of its railway network are computerised in an electronic application which shall comply with the common specifications of this Regulation.

#### *Article 2*

### **RINF Application**

1 The Agency shall set up and maintain a web-based application ('RINF Application') to act as single entry point for the publication of Member States' infrastructure information in accordance with Article 49 of Directive (EU) 2016/797.

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- 2 The RINF Application shall be set up in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.
- 3 The Agency shall ensure that the RINF Application is operational by 16 June 2019 at the latest.
- 4 Each Member State shall ensure that the necessary data for its network is collected and inserted in the RINF Application by the dates set out in Table 1 in the Annex.
- 5 Each Member State shall ensure that data in the RINF Application is maintained updated in accordance with Article 5.
- 6 The Agency shall set up a group composed of representatives of the national registration entities to coordinate, monitor and support the population of the RINF Application.

### *Article 3*

#### **Transition**

- 1 Deadlines for the population of the register of infrastructure stipulated in Implementing Decision 2014/880/EU and set out in the Annex to this Regulation remain applicable.
- 2 Member States and the Agency shall ensure that the data collected and inserted in the register of infrastructure in accordance with Implementing Decision 2014/880/EU remains available, and shall ensure it is accessible via the RINF Application.

### *Article 4*

#### **National registration entity**

- 1 Each Member State shall designate a national registration entity in charge of coordinating the Member State's collecting and inserting the data to the RINF Application.
- 2 Each Member States shall notify the Agency by 16 June 2019 at the latest of the national registration entity designated in accordance with paragraph 1 if that entity is not the body designated in accordance with Article 6(2) of Implementing Decision 2014/880/EU.
- 3 From 1 January 2021, subject to the development of RINF application referred to in Article 6(1)(a), infrastructure managers of each Member States shall be in charge of collecting and inserting the data to the RINF Application.

### *Article 5*

#### **Collection of data**

- 1 Infrastructure managers shall ensure the accuracy, completeness, consistency and timeliness of data in the RINF Application and submit updated data as soon as such data becomes available.
- 2 Until 31 December 2020, infrastructure managers shall submit data to registration entities. Registration entities shall submit data to the RINF application at least every month unless no data needs to be updated. In the latter case, registration entities shall inform the Agency that no data needs to be updated. One update shall coincide with the annual publication of the network statement.

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3 From 1 January 2021, subject to the development of RINF application referred to in Article 6(1)(a), infrastructure managers shall directly submit data to the RINF application, as soon as such data becomes available.

4 Information relating to infrastructures placed in service after 16 June 2019 shall be submitted to the RINF application before the placing in service.

#### *Article 6*

### **Further developments**

1 The Agency, taking into account the result of a cost-benefit analysis, shall update the RINF application by 1 January 2021 in order to:

- a streamline the process of updating data in the RINF Application in order to allow infrastructure managers to update information as soon as it becomes available;
- b improve the description of the network so as to display its geometry accurately;
- c provide information regarding possible routing on the network;
- d provide means for alerting railway undertakings regarding changes in the RINF Application relevant to them.

2 By 16 January 2022, the Agency, taking into account the result of a cost-benefit analysis, shall update the RINF application to enable the collection and insertion of information necessary for the Route Book referred to in Appendix D2 to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/773<sup>(3)</sup>. Each Member State shall ensure that its register of infrastructure provides the information necessary for the Route Book one year after the RINF Application has been updated.

3 Further developments of the RINF application may create a data system feeding into all electronic information flows in respect of the Union rail network.

#### *Article 7*

### **Guide on the application of the common specifications**

By 16 June 2019 at the latest, the Agency shall publish a guide on the application of the common specifications for the register of infrastructure (application guide). The Agency shall keep the application guide up to date. The application guide shall provide a reference to the relevant provisions of the technical specifications of interoperability for each parameter.

#### *Article 8*

### **Repeal**

Implementing Decision 2014/880/EU is repealed.

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## *Article 9*

### **Entry into force and application**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 16 June 2019.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 May 2019.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

Jean-Claude JUNCKER