Study Group WAGON USERS

Amendments and additions to GCU Appendix 9: Proposal no. 2

Modification of Annex 1: Code 5.6.1 Clarification of action to be taken

1.- Present the problem (with examples and, if possible, figures giving a measure of the scope of the problem):

Appendix 9 of the GCU sets out in Annex 1 binding provisions that govern the technical condition of wagons to be exchanged between two or more railway undertakings (RUs), as established during a technical transfer inspection.

2.- Show what the GCU is lacking in this respect:

The instructions to be followed are mentioned, from the point of view of operational safety and suitability in service, in the GCU, as well as in UIC leaflets, where they are of a compulsory nature, and in the directives.

3.- Explain why the problem can only be solved through the GCU contract:

Implementation is the responsibility of all the participants in the GCU.

4.- Outline why the problem should be solved as envisaged in the proposed amendment/addition:

Compliance with this provision forms the basis for the renewal of bi- or multilateral agreements and for the conclusion of new agreements.

5.- Describe how the proposed amendments or additions will help solve the problem:

The amendments must permit qualitative compliance with the requirements of the TSI, with obligations imposed by public authorities, with the ECM and with the GCU.

6.- Assess the potential positive and negative impacts (on operations, costs, administration, interoperability, safety, competitiveness, etc.), using a scale from 1 (very low) to 5 (very high):

Impact on operations: net reduction in dwell times during exchanges at borders. Acceleration of traffic movements.

Costs: savings thanks to the avoidance of downtime when under way and of the payment of unnecessary penalties.

Administrative expenses: reduction in inspection and file handling operations for international transport movements.

Interoperability: is guaranteed from the commencement of the movement by the sending

7. 7. Text proposal:

Modification of Annex 1 to Appendix 9: clarification of action to be taken « Rectify if possible » using the other screw coupling - code 5.6.1

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We request the realisation of action to be taken for irregularity codes in 5.6.1 as per the table below:

| Components | Code | Irregularities/Criteria/Notes | Action to be taken | Category |
|----------------|-------|----------------------------------|--|----------|
| Screw coupling | 5.6 | | | |
| | 5.6.1 | Part missing, failed or unusable | Use a different screw coupling + K or rectify, if impossible, detach wagon | 3 |

Colour codes for modifications
Black: Text in force, for info and remains

unchanged Red : new text

Blue: (may be crossed through): text will be

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