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Unique Rail Vehicle Identification System:

Development of the framework

Contribution from the Russian Federation

Submitted by the Russian Federation

Based on the consideration of the materials of the meeting of the Group of Experts regarding the document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/PIRRS/2022/3 “Model Rules on Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock (2022)” it is reported that:

1. While the presented version of the Rules is supplemented with terms and definitions, the document does not specify who the participants (parties) to the Rules are (state/enterprise/...).
2. The Rules should be applied on a voluntary basis, and it is suggested that paragraph 3.7 should read: “URVIS identifier and marking of the railway rolling stock shall be applied on a voluntary basis and be additional to the existing numbering systems used in accordance with applicable national legislation...” (and further as in the text).
3. The definition of “Contracting State” is kept as in the 2021 version of the Regulations, that is, ““Contracting State” means a state that has ratified or adopted the Convention and the Protocol”.
4. In paragraph 7.1 of Article 7 “Revision of the Rules”, the participation of various international organizations that can be part of the revisions committee to review these Rules is reflected as follows: “... may comprise of representative organisations in the rail and financial services sectors ...”. However, while the text unequivocally states that “UNECE ITC, OTIF and UNIDROIT shall participate” in the work of the committee, OSJD and UIC are not mentioned. It is proposed to keep this paragraph of the Rules as in the 2021 version or to note down the participation of OSJD in the new version.
5. It is proposed to add to the Rules the following provision: “The URVIS database should be available on the Internet for the parties and public authorities of the states that have ratified or adopted the Convention and the Protocol.”
6. It is proposed to reflect in the Rules the issues of pricing of services related to vehicle registration.
7. In Appendix 2, after the words “All types of freight wagons”, it is suggested to remove the brackets and enumeration a) – e).
8. The Rules do not fully define the concepts of “unilateral declaration”, “unilateral registration” and “unilateral registrant”, and additional clarifications are required.