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The Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock**Proposed First Draft of the Guidance Note to the Model Rules****Note by the secretariat****Background**

1. The Group of Experts on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock, within document ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2022/4 noted that it believes that it has completed its mandate in relation to the Terms of Reference for the Group. In addition to the report included in the above-mentioned document the Group proposes that a set of Model Rules on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock (Model Rules) is adopted and maintained by the Working Party on Rail Transport as a framework for the permanent identification with the aim of facilitating of the financing of rolling stock as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.2/2022/5. The Group has also identified the need for the preparation of a Guidance Note to the Model Rules as a non-binding tool to facilitate the implementation of the Model Rules.

2. The annex to this document provides the first draft of the Guidance Note for publication. The Working Party may wish to consider whether to adopt this Guidance Note.

Annex

I. **Guidance Note to the Model Rules on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock**

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1. This Guidance Note to the Model Rules is issued by the Working Party on Rail Transport and updated by the Revisions Committee established pursuant to article 8 of the Model Rules on Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock. It is intended to assist participants, courts and administrative entities in understanding the intention behind the drafting of the Model Rules and with their interpretation. It does not form part of the Model Rules and is not binding on a participant.

Article 3: Item of railway rolling stock

2. By an “item” the Revisions Committee expects this to be either an autonomous unit capable of operating separately or part of a train set with this concept mirroring industry practice as much as possible. So, an articulated coach or carriage with a single immatriculation or running number would be considered as one item. A tram with several articulations (but not a separate carriage) would be considered as one item. A train set or rake would usually be a collection of items. This would be the case even where carriages could not easily operate on their own because of shared bogies (such as with TGV train sets) where the operator has separately numbered the coaches.

The images shown in exhibit 1 attached are examples of combination of items. The images shown in exhibit 2 are examples of one item of railway rolling stock

Article 8.3: Amendments to the Model Rules

3. It is intended that the industry will usually be given good notice of any change to the Model Rules. However, there may be a force majeure or other circumstance that will necessitate a shorter notice period, so that the Working Party on Rail Transport can act expeditiously if the circumstances require.

Appendix 1 Material

4. It is expected that the plate will be aluminium or other rust-free metal but this is not mandatory. A very strong and resilient plastic would also be an option.

Appendix 1 Colour

5. The expectation is that the plate (the URVIS marker) will be a silver background with black raised writing, but some operators may wish to use different combinations because of the colour scheme of the rolling stock concerned. This is considered to be in accordance with the Model Rules as long as it is the information on the plate is clear (with a strong contrast).

Appendix 2 Examples of Items of Railway Rolling Stock

6. Railway equipment can have different descriptions in different parts of the world. Set out below are more detailed examples of definitions of certain types of Railway Rolling Stock and exhibit 3 contains images to show which type of rolling stock is intended by the descriptions contained in appendix 2.

7. “Light rail” means an urban and/or suburban rail transport system with a crashworthiness of C-III or C-IV (in accordance with EN 15227:2011) and a maximum strength of vehicle of 800 kN (longitudinal compressive force in coupling area); light rail systems may have their own right of way or share it with road traffic and usually do not exchange vehicles with long-distance passenger or freight traffic.

8. “Tram-train” means a vehicle designed for combined use on both a light-rail infrastructure and a heavy-rail infrastructure.

9. “Separate rail bogies connected to compatible road vehicles” are to be considered as an item of Railway Rolling Stock.

Exhibit 1: Examples of Combinations of Items of Railway Rolling Stock



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Exhibit 2: Examples of One Item of Rolling Stock



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Exhibit 3: Examples of the Types of Railway Rolling Stock included in Appendix 2

Locomotive



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Power cars – to follow

Railcars – to follow

Shunter



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Passenger Car



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Control Car



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Motor car



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Car carriers



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Light Rail



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Metro, etc.



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Trams



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(Horse-drawn) Tram



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Tram-trains – to follow

Cable cars



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Freight wagons



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Special vehicles, etc.



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Heritage, etc.



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Road Rail Vehicles



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Shuttles at airports



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Hyperloop pods

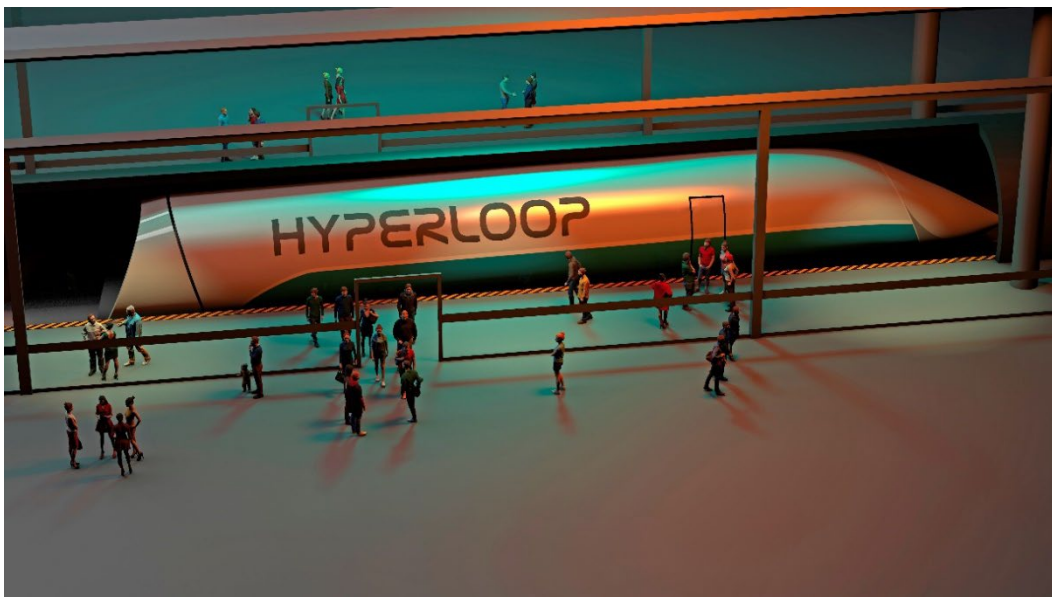


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Monorail vehicles



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Maglev vehicles



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