National rules in railway transport

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National rules cleaning-up

National rules may be applied in addition to European rules only under certain conditions, as defined in:

- Directive (EU) 2016/797 - Interoperability
- Directive (EU) 2016/798 – on railway safety
Conformity with TSIs and national technical rules

Member States shall draw up, for each subsystem, a list of the technical rules in use for implementing the essential requirements when:

- no relevant TSI exists, or

- a specific case requires the application of technical rules not included in the relevant TSI.
Rules under railway Safety Directive

- National safety rules -list
- CSTs - common safety targets - ERA
Cleaning up of national technical rules

Prepare a structured plan drafted by each Member State regarding their nation rules:

- for vehicles
- for fixed installations
Cleaning up of national safety rules

Identify safety rules according:

- type 1 (national safety rules for safety targets and methods),
- type 2 (national rules for safety certification) and
- type 7 (national safety rules on accident investigation).
SI implementation

- Railway Safety Act – adopted in April 2018
- Transitional period – termination and application of national rules:
  Until the entry into force of regulations issued on the basis of this Act, the set of 42 regulations shall apply, provided that they are not in conflict with this Act or European regulations.
Conclusion
◼ Consult EC, ERA, and other member states
◼ Do not give up – it is a long and very demanding process