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Explanation concerning the drafting of UTP application guides

The UTP application guides published on [OTIF's website](#) provide explanations concerning the UTPs and aim to facilitate common understanding of how to apply the UTP requirements. The UTP application guides should be read and used in conjunction with the relevant UTPs. For some of the UTPs, application guides already exist, while for other UTPs these are still pending. The existing UTP application guides need to be updated in order to reflect modifications to the UTPs or to describe the experience gained in applying them.

The UTPs are based on European Union TSIs. Similarly, the UTP application guides are based on the TSI application guides issued by the European Union Agency for Railways.

In the UTPs, the differences in substance compared to the TSIs are indicated by using a two-column layout. In the UTP application guides, OTIF text that differs from the TSI application guides is shown in blue rectangles. The texts in these blue rectangles provide information relating to the differences between the TSI and the UTP. All text that is not in blue rectangles stems from the TSI application guides. All texts, both in and outside the blue rectangles, are part of the UTP application guide.

Where the original texts copied from the TSI application guides refer to TSI, this should be read as a reference to the UTP. Where the TSI application guides use the term “Member State”, this should be understood as “Contracting State” in the context of OTIF texts.

In accordance with the 2022/2023 work programme of the Committee of Technical Experts, the OTIF Secretariat was requested to prepare proposals to update the UTP application guides, starting with application guides relating to UTPs relevant to freight wagons. Consequently, the first two application guides prepared for review by WG TECH 46 are for the UTP WAG (concerning freight wagons) and UTP NOI (concerning rolling stock noise).

The Secretariat prepared the draft revised UTP application guides as follows:

- An MS Word file of the latest version of the TSI application guide was taken as the basis (see below);
- The blue rectangles from the previous version of the UTP application guide were copied into the file;
- Using track-changes mode, the texts in the blue rectangles copied from the previous version of the UTP application guide were amended and new blue rectangles were added to reflect the current situation;
- The texts that are not in blue rectangles, and which have been copied from the latest TSI application guides, have not been changed.

A) APPLICATION GUIDE FOR UTP WAG (TECH-22014)

The draft application guide for UTP WAG was updated on the basis of the ERA guide for the application of the TSI for freight wagons (reference GUI/WAG TSI/2021), version 3.0 dated 15 February 2021.

The information is relevant for application of the OTIF UTP for freight wagons, which entered into force on 1 January 2022.

B) APPLICATION GUIDE FOR UTP NOI (TECH-22020)

The draft application guide for UTP NOI was updated on the basis of the ERA guide for the application of the NOI TSI (reference ERA/GUI/NOI TSI/2019), version 1.0 dated 16 May 2019.

The information is relevant for application of the OTIF UTP relating to rolling stock noise, which entered into force on 1 April 2021.