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Mandate for establishing a single joint OTIF-EU VKM register

1. Introduction

The VKM register of unique vehicle keeper codes is jointly managed by ERA and the OTIF Secretariat and has been published on the ERA and OTIF websites since January 2010.

2. Current status

Vehicle keepers with their place of business in an EU or EEA Member State submit applications to the National Safety Authority of the country where the keeper has his place of business. Vehicle keepers with their place of business in an OTIF Member State which is not an EU or EEA Member State and keepers in other States, especially in OSJD Member States, submit applications to the competent national authority (if any) of the State where the keeper has his place of business. The national authorities are required to check that the applicable regulations have been complied with and must send applications to ERA/OTIF respectively.

Updates are made (after coordination between ERA and OTIF to ensure that the VKM is unique) on the first Wednesday of every month.

3. Options for the future

For the list of VKM codes, the Secretariat has identified two possible options:

1. keep two different mirrored lists as at present:
2. maintain one complete list on the ERA website with a link to it from the OTIF website.

Option 2 would require that an agreement be signed between OTIF and EC/ERA.

Such an agreement should address the following issues:

- OTIF's obligation to publish all three language versions (English, French and German), plus Russian as there is a link to the register from the OSJD website (as a result of cooperation between OTIF and OSJD),

- Identification that it is a joint ERA/OTIF register (e.g. by showing both logos),
- Application procedure.

4. Mandate

The CTE mandates the OTIF Secretariat to enter into an agreement with the EU and ERA to establish joint ECM registers as set out in section 3 of this document.

If such an agreement cannot be reached, the existing Rules for Registration of a Vehicle Keeper Marking code will be modified in line with annex 1 of this document.

Annex 1: Amendment to the Rules for Registration of a Vehicle Keeper Marking (VKM) code

Introduction

The Rules for registration of a Vehicle Keeper Marking code (VKM) were adopted at the 3rd session of CTE (February 2009). Link to the document:

http://www.otif.org/fileadmin/user_upload/otif_verlinkte_files/06_tech_zulass/05_notification_09/A_95-00_1.2009_e_VKM_Application_Guide_-_April_2009_.pdf.

This was a joint ERA - OTIF document. Since the the Rules were adopted, there have been developments in the EU and OTIF regulations, and experience with the administration of the VKM register has shown that this document now requires updating.

Proposed amendments

The following amendments are proposed:

1. Page 2 of 17: delete the whole table AMENDMENT RECORD
Justification: No need for this table in the document
2. Page 4 of 17, section 1.1: update the reference to *Annex P to TSI OPE, adopted by the European Commission on 11 August 2006 (decision C(2006)3593) notified to the EU Member States on 14 August 2006, entering into force 6 months later, i.e. 14 February 2007* by
- Justification: referenced TSI OPE was amended
3. Page 4 of 17, section 1.1: delete the last sentence: *The OTIF Committee of Technical Experts agreed in its meeting on 4-6 July 2006 to ask OTIF Secretariat and ERA to find a joint solution as soon as possible*
Justification: no longer relevant
4. Page 5 of 17, section 1.2, fourth bullet from the top: update the reference (if necessary): ... *rules defined in Annex P.1 of OPE TSI*
Justification: referenced TSI OPE was amended?
5. Page 5 of 17, section 1.2, fourth bullet from the top: specify the reference to TSI OPE (Decision ...)
Justification: change the dynamic reference to a static one
6. Page 5 of 17, section 1.2, fifth bullet from the top: change the sentence into past tense.
Justification: this activity happened in July 2007.
7. Page 5 of 17, section 1.3, second sentence: update the reference to *Rolling Stock Register - (TSI OPE Annex P footnote 3)*
Justification: referenced TSI OPE was amended
8. Page 6 of 17, section 1.5, fourth paragraph: replace twice the words “*APTU Annex 6*” by “*(future) UTP OPE*”.
Justification: the revised APTU does not contain Annex 6.
9. Page 10 of 17, section 3.2.1, second sentence: replace the word “*transliteration*” by “*VKM*”.
Justification: not all VKMs in Latin characters are transliterated into the Cyrillic alphabet.
10. Page 12 of 17, section 4.2.1, second sentence: update the reference (if necessary): ... *rules defined in Annex P.1 of OPE TSI*
Justification: referenced TSI OPE was amended?
11. Page 14 of 17, section 4.5: update the link to the list of NSAs on the ERA website
Justification: link does not work

12. Page 14 of 17, section 4.5: update the link to the list of Authorities on the OTIF website
Justification: link does not work
13. Page 15 of 17, section 4.6.2, first and second paragraph: change the sentences into past tense.
Justification: these activities happened in July 2007.
14. Page 15 of 17, section 4.6.2, third paragraph: delete the whole paragraph.
Justification: no longer relevant.
15. Page 3 of 17: TABLE OF CONTENTS to be updated
Editorial amendment

Other remarks

The evaluation of the administrative workload and related costs concerning the fees for administering the VKM register was not carried out.

According to the last sentence of section 1.2, it should have been carried out in 2010 (taking into account the start of the provisional list) or should be carried out in 2013 (taking into account the first issue of the register (January 2010)).