PROPOSAL for the modification of the Section 7.5 of UTP NOISE
(Agenda item 4.1 of the 15th session of the standing working group WG TECH)

The following text should be included in the Section 7.5:

7.5.1. Transitional period for external noise

It is allowable to apply limits 2 dB(A) higher than those stated in Chapters 4 and 7 of this TSI for external noise from electric locomotives, diesel locomotives, EMUs, DMUs and passenger coaches within a transitional period of 24 months starting from the date of entry into force of this UTP. This allowance is restricted to the case of:
- contracts already signed or under final phase of tendering procedure at the date of entry into force of this UTP, and options to these contracts to purchase additional vehicles, or
- contracts for purchasing new rolling stock of an existing design type signed during this transitional period.

7.5.2. Starting noise

The starting noise limits may be raised by 2 dB(A) for all DMUs, with an engine power greater than 500 kW/engine, put into service during a transitional period of five years from the date of entry into force of this UTP.
This is not additional to the 2 dB(A) of section 7.5.1.
7.5.3. Noise within the driver's cab

It is allowable for the cab noise for new and existing designs at standstill during the sounding of the external warning horn to be raised by 2 dB(A) for the first three years starting from the date of entry into force of this UTP. This concerns the following cases:
- contracts already signed or under final phase of tendering procedure at the date of entry into force of this UTP, and options to these contracts to purchase additional vehicles, or
- contracts for purchasing new rolling stock of a new and existing design type signed during this transitional period.

The existing Section 7.5.2 becomes Section 7.5.4.

JUSTIFICATION: The proposed text is the exact copy of Sections 7.5.1 – 7.5.3 of the Commission Decision 2006/66/EC (TSI Noise). EU member states enjoyed the benefit of these provisions for the transitional period of 2 – 5 years (depending on the type of noise). It would be fair and non-discriminatory that non-EU member states have the same transitional period for all these types of noises. For that reason, the TSI NOI in force (Commission Decision 2011/229/EU) cannot be used as reference in regard of transitional provisions.

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