

Directive (EU) 2016/797 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union (recast) (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER VII

**REGISTERS**

*Article 46*

**Vehicle numbering system**

1 Upon registration in accordance with Article 22, each vehicle shall be assigned a European vehicle number (EVN) by the competent authority in the Member State of registration. Each vehicle shall be marked with an assigned EVN.

2 The specifications of the EVN shall be set out in the measures referred to in Article 47(2), in accordance with the relevant TSI.

3 Each vehicle shall be assigned an EVN only once, unless otherwise specified in the measures referred to in Article 47(2), in accordance with the relevant TSI.

4 Notwithstanding paragraph 1, in the case of vehicles operated or meant to be operated from or to third countries the track gauge of which is different from that of the main rail network within the Union, Member States may accept vehicles clearly identified in accordance with a different coding system.

*Article 47*

**Vehicle registers**

1 Until the European Vehicle Register referred to in paragraph 5 is operational, each Member State shall keep a national vehicle register. That register shall:

- a comply with the common specifications referred to in paragraph 2;
- b be kept updated by a body independent of any railway undertaking;
- c be accessible to the national safety authorities and investigating bodies designated in Articles 16 and 22 of Directive (EU) 2016/798; it shall also be made accessible, in response to any legitimate request, to the regulatory bodies referred to in Article 55 of Directive 2012/34/EU, and to the Agency, the railway undertakings and the infrastructure managers, as well as those persons or organisations registering vehicles or identified in the register.

2 The Commission shall adopt common specifications for the national vehicle registers as regards their content, data format, functional and technical architecture, operating mode, including arrangements for the exchange of data, and rules for data input and consultation, by means of implementing acts.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 51(3).

3 The national vehicle register shall contain at least the following elements:

---

*Status: EU Directives are being published on this site to aid cross referencing from UK legislation. After IP completion day (31 December 2020 11pm) no further amendments will be applied to this version.*

---

- a the EVN;
- b references to the 'EC' declaration of verification and the issuing body;
- c references to the European register of authorised vehicle types referred to in Article 48;
- d identification of the owner of the vehicle and the keeper;
- e restrictions on how the vehicle may be used;
- f references to the entity in charge of maintenance.

4 As long as Member States' national vehicle registers are not linked in accordance with the specification referred to in paragraph 2, each Member State shall update its register, as regards the data with which it is concerned, with the modifications made by another Member State in its own register.

5 With a view to reducing administrative burdens and undue costs for Member States and stakeholders, by 16 June 2018, the Commission, taking into account the result of a cost-benefit analysis, shall adopt by means of implementing acts the technical and functional specifications for the European Vehicle Register, which would incorporate the national vehicle registers with a view to providing a harmonised interface to all users for the registration of vehicles and data management. Points (b) and (c) of paragraph 1 and paragraph 3 shall apply. Such a specification shall include content, data format, functional and technical architecture, operating mode, including arrangements for the exchange of data, and rules for data input, and consultation, as well as migration steps.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 51(3) and on the basis of a recommendation of the Agency.

The European Vehicle Register shall be developed taking into consideration the IT applications and registers already set up by the Agency and the Member States, such as the European Centralised Virtual Vehicle Register connected to the national vehicle registers. The European Vehicle Register shall be operational by 16 June 2021.

6 The keeper shall immediately declare any modification to the data entered in the vehicle registers, the destruction of a vehicle or its decision to no longer register a vehicle, to the Member State where the vehicle has been registered.

7 In the case of vehicles authorised for the first time in a third country and subsequently used in a Member State, that Member State shall ensure that the vehicle data, including at least data relating to the keeper of the vehicle concerned, the entity in charge of its maintenance and the restrictions on how the vehicle may be used, can be retrieved through a vehicle register or are otherwise made available without delay in an easily readable format and in accordance with the same non-discriminatory principles that apply to similar data from a vehicle register.

#### *Article 48*

### **European register of authorised vehicle types**

1 The Agency shall set up and keep a register of authorisations to place vehicle types on the market issued in accordance with Article 24. That register shall:

- a be public and electronically accessible;
- b comply with the common specifications referred to in paragraph 2;
- c be linked with relevant vehicle registers.

2 The Commission shall adopt common specifications for the register of authorised vehicle types relating to content, data format, functional and technical architecture, operating

mode and rules for data input and consultation, by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 51(3).

- 3 The register shall include at least the following elements for each type of vehicle:
- a technical characteristics, including those related to accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility, of the type of vehicle as defined in the relevant TSIs;
  - b the manufacturer's name;
  - c the data of the authorisations related to the area of use for a vehicle type, including any restrictions or withdrawals.

#### *Article 49*

### **Register of infrastructure**

1 Each Member State shall ensure that a register of infrastructure, stating the values of the network parameters of each subsystem or part subsystem concerned, as set out in the relevant TSI, is published.

2 The values of the parameters recorded in the register of infrastructure shall be used in combination with the values of the parameters recorded in the vehicle authorisation for placing on the market to check the technical compatibility between vehicle and network.

3 The register of infrastructure may stipulate conditions for the use of fixed installations and other restrictions.

4 Each Member State shall ensure that the register of infrastructure is updated in accordance with paragraph 5.

5 The Commission shall adopt common specifications for the register of infrastructure relating to content, data format, functional and technical architecture, operating mode and rules for data input and consultation, by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 51(3).