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**INTEROPERABILITY AND HARMONIZATION OF CONDITIONS OF DIFFERENT  
RAIL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS**

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**Status of Implementation by EU Member States**

The majority of EU Member States have implemented Directive 2001/16/EC on Conventional Rail Interoperability. Of the three countries which have not yet implemented the Directive, Malta and Cyprus do not have railways.

The United Kingdom has not transposed the Directive but intends to do so by the end of 2005 and, at the same time, will also implement the second rail package (which also includes Directive 2004/50 which amends the Interoperability Directives 2001/16 and 96/48).

**Developments related to the implementation of Directive 2001/16/EC**

The first Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSIs) under this Directive were endorsed by the regulatory committee on rail interoperability in November and December 2004, these being:

- Telematics for Freight
- Control and Command Signalling
- Noise
- Freight Wagons

These TSIs are now currently undergoing translation into the Community languages and are expected to be adopted by the European Commission and notified formally to the Member States in the final quarter of 2005.

The following TSIs are under preparation:

- Operations and Management – has been subject to a vote of the regulatory committee in June 2005
- Persons with Reduced Mobility – will be submitted later this year
- Tunnel Safety– will be submitted later this year

**The adoption of these TSIs is foreseen for the first quarter of 2006.**

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