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TITLE

INTERPRETATION OF CLEARWAY REQUIREMENTS IN THE PRM TSI

ORIGINATOR

INTERFLEET CERTIFICATION LTD (1133)

SUBJECT RELATED TO

- Directives (EU) 2016/797 and 2008/57/EC
- Commission Decision 2008/164/EC (TSI PRM)

AMENDMENT RECORD:

06-01/2013 First issue

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DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND EXPLANATION

Clause 4.2.2.7 of the PRM TSI (2008/164/EC) states:

“From the vehicle entrance the minimum clearway width through the vehicle shall be 450mm from floor level to a height of 1000mm and 550mm from a height of 1000mm to 1950mm.”

The clause clearly specifies the minimum clearway width at different heights in the vehicle. However, the clause is open to interpretation in respect of whether the clearway height has to extend all the way from floor level to a height of 1950mm. There are many circumstances where it is impractical to achieve a minimum height of 1950 mm.

The ERA Working Party in charge of the revision of the PRM TSI has been consulted in respect of this point. The ERA representative stated that the purpose of the requirement is to ensure a minimum width only, and not to specify a minimum height.

This view is supported by the preliminary draft of the revised PRM TSI, which states in clause 4.2.2.6 (IU-PRM_TSI – PRM TSI preliminary draft 1.0):

“From the vehicle entrance the minimum clearway width through the vehicle shall be according to figure 3 of standard [appendix A – ref 256553], except in double-deck vehicles and double deck trainsets, in gangways and in door areas where a reduced headroom is accepted as a consequence of structural constraints (gauge, physical space).”

The view of the ERA Working Party and the proposed words of the revised PRM TSI (IU-PRM_TSI – PRM TSI preliminary draft 1.0) provide guidance on how clause 4.2.2.7 of existing PRM-TSI (2008/164/EC) should be interpreted.

RFU PROPOSAL

Clause 4.2.2.7 of the PRM TSI (2008/164/EC) shall be interpreted as specifying a



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minimum clearway width only. In double-deck vehicles and double-deck trainsets, in gangways and in door areas where a reduced clearway height (headroom) is accepted as a consequence of structural constraints (gauge, physical space), the clearway does not need to extend all the way from floor level to a height of 1950mm.

Where a NoBo is required to assess part of a vehicle where the clearway does not extend all the way from floor level to a height of 1950mm, the NoBo shall verify that the reduced clearway height (headroom) is a necessary consequence of structural constraints.

THIS RFU WAS AGREED ON

PLENARY MEETING 059

THIS RFU ENTERS INTO FORCE ON

23/06/2020 (DATE OF PUBLICATION)

FROM THIS DATE ON THIS RFU CAN BE APPLIED INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS MANDATORY VERSION.

RFU APPLICATION IS MANDATORY STARTING FROM

23/06/2020

AT THIS DATE ANY PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF THIS RFU WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

RFUS SHALL BE APPLIED BY ALL NOBOS. PLEASE REFER TO RFU-STR-702, CHAPTER 3 OF THE SECTION "DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND EXPLANATION", FOR THE LEGAL BASIS SUPPORTING THIS OBLIGATION.

ERA COMMENTS

PLE 059 – 17/06/2020: NO COMMENTS