



Notif-IT – a short introduction

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Why notifications?

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 - Draft rules (new!)
 - Adopted rules
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Good to know

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Notif-IT - database for the notification of national railway safety and technical rules



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Notif-IT (Notifications using Information Technology) provides the Member States with the means to electronically notify the national safety and technical rules to the Commission, and to make them available to the public

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Details of the notification process are explained in the user guide (accessible for registered users).

In case of questions please contact:

- For the notification of national safety rules and the access rights: NSR@era.europa.eu
- For the notification of national technical rules and the access rights: NTR@era.europa.eu
- For general and IT queries: move-notifit@ec.europa.eu

Disclaimers:

- **Notif-IT** should be considered as a "for information only" source. If users require the original text of all the rules in force, for operational purposes, we recommend that the respective national safety authorities should be consulted
- The titles and principal content of the national rules are provided in the official national languages and in English to facilitate the use of this information. However, there is no legal obligation to provide an official English translation. Please, therefore, note that in all cases the information in the respective national language takes precedence

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Comments on rules in Notif-IT

- Once the Member State uploads the draft rule to Notif-IT, other member States and the sector are invited to submit their comments within two months.
- Submitted comments will be made public. The comments are important for transparency and for further decision-making by the Member State concerned, the Commission, ERA and RISC



Notification of draft NSR

Notification of draft rules has to be developed in Notif-IT

- All notified drafts will be public
- Process duration from 4 to 10 months:
 - Sector and MS could comment (2 months)
 - ERA checks NSR status, classification, etc. (in parallel)
 - EC checks NSR status and content (2 months)
 - If EC has serious doubts, RISC procedure (6 months)
 - Option 1: ask ERA for its opinion
 - Option 2: informal dialogue with MS
 - EC decision if doubts are confirmed
- The rule shall be withdrawn or amended if required
- Adopted rules registered definitely in Notif-IT



Analysis by the Commission

Article 8(7) establishes the grounds for the analysis of the adequacy of the draft NSR:

- *the draft safety rule is incompatible with the CSMs;*
- *the draft safety rule is incompatible with achieving at least the CSTs;*
- *it constitutes a means of arbitrary discrimination;*
- *it constitutes a disguised restriction on rail transport operations between Member States*



Thank you very much for your attention!

Access to Notif-IT:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/risdb>

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