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Summary

The purpose of this leaflet is to define the application, structure, allocation and cancellation of the standard code used to identify companies involved in a rail-transport chain.

These codes are published in accordance with the present leaflet by UIC Headquarters and the OSJD Committee (hereinafter referred to as "UIC" and "OSJD").

1 - Definitions

For the purposes of this leaflet, the following definitions shall apply:

- "Railway undertaking" (operator) shall mean any public (state) or private company, whose main business is to provide railway transport services for goods and/or passengers (including shipping companies, covered by international railway tariffs).

- "Infrastructure manager" shall mean any public (state) or private company responsible in particular for establishing or maintaining railway infrastructure, as well as for operating the traffic control and safety functions.

- A company involved in a rail-transport chain shall mean, any company, directly or indirectly involved in rail traffic or having a business relationship with one or more of such companies.

Hereinafter railway undertakings, infrastructure managers and companies involved in a rail-transport chain shall be referred to as "companies".

This company code (hereinafter referred to as the code) is the four-position numerical code described below used to identify the aforementioned companies.

2 - Coding structure

Basically the code is a numerical, four-position, unstructured code.

Companies which hitherto have had a two-position code (in accordance with *UIC Leaflet 920-1, 4th edition, 1.1.1995*) shall be allocated until further notice a new code with the format 00XX, whereby XX corresponds to the existing railway code. Where provided for in applications, XX is the equivalent of 00XX.

These codes shall be allocated in line with the UIC and OSJD regulations for the management of company codes.

3 - Eligible companies

The following rules shall apply when allocating company codes:

- Every company involved in a rail-transport chain shall be entitled to a code, independently of its UIC/OSJD membership.

- Any state agency (body) and organisation involved in the railway business shall also be entitled to a code.

The codes must be requested from UIC or from OSJD. The forms are available on the UIC/OSJD websites[1].

The fees for code allocation and code administration are set in the UIC and OSJD regulations for the management of company codes.

1. http://www.uic.asso.fr and http://www.osjd.org.pl

4 - Code administration

UIC and OSJD shall be responsible for administering and allocating codes and may each appoint one or more officers to that end. In accordance with the UIC and OSJD regulations for the management of company codes, these officers must cooperate with each other in managing the company codes.

Appeals may be lodged with the Joint UIC/OSJD Group for Coding and Information Technology against decisions regarding allocation, refusal or withdrawal of a code.

The list of codes as well as the latest version of *UIC Leaflet 920-1* shall be posted by both UIC and OSJD on their websites.

5 - Management of the leaflet

The Joint UIC/OSJD Group for Coding and Information Technology shall be responsible for managing this leaflet.

6 - Entry into force

This leaflet shall enter force on 1.7.2005 and replaces *UIC Leaflet 920-1* of March 2003 (5th edition).

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