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Dear Robin

TAP/FAF TSI Implementation Plans

We write further to your letter of 19 June 2015 in relation to the implementation of the TAF/TAP TSIs and the review of the current UK Implementation Plans, written following the meetings attended by DfT, Network Rail, ATOC, the ORR, the TAF/TAP National Contact Points (NCPs) on 20 April 2015 and the same parties plus the RSSB on 6 May 2015.

We agree that it is necessary to review the TAF/TAP TSI requirements in conjunction with Network Rail's TAF/TAP Implementation Plan and consider if the proposed target date for compliance by December 2018 is still appropriate. We also note your request that Network Rail co-ordinates the review and revision if necessary of the Implementation Plans of each of the UK Infrastructure Managers, FOCs and TOCs. Network Rail confirms that it will assume this coordinating role, duly considering the relevant stakeholders in doing so.

Once a revised UK Implementation Plan is agreed with stakeholders Network Rail will discuss the extent of the UK's obligation to update the European Commission and the European Railway Agency, as requested.

We acknowledge the fact that Chris Queree will continue as NCP for the purpose of TAP implementation and that Network Rail has identified Duncan Clark to be appointed as the TAF NCP.

TAP TSI RU-IM messages

As set out in Network Rail and ATOC's joint letter dated 12th August 2015 in respect of TAP TSI implementation, ATOC members and Network Rail intend to use current RU-IM messaging systems by specific agreement between Network Rail and the relevant operator, i.e., "other existing systems" for RU/IM messaging within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 454/2011 (as amended) at Annex I, paragraphs 4.2.14.1, 4.2.15.1 – 4.2.15.2, 4.2.16.2 and 4.2.17.1 – 4.2.17.8.

Network Rail also intends to use "other existing systems" for RU/IM messaging by specific agreement as a means of compliance with non-ATOC members who fall within the scope of the RU/IM messaging provisions listed above.

Yours sincerely
For and on behalf of Network Rail



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