

# Rail transport statistics: collection of data on goods, passengers and accidents

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**PURPOSE:** to update, simplify and optimise the existing legal framework for European statistics on rail transport.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Regulation (EU) 2016/2032 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 on rail transport statistics, as regards the collection of data on goods, passengers and accidents.

**CONTENT:** this Regulation amends [Regulation \(EC\) No 91/2003](#) in order to update, simplify and **optimise the existing legal framework for European statistics on rail transport** and to align it with the new institutional context on conferring delegated powers and implementing acts to the Commission in view of the adoption of certain measures.

**Statistics on the transport of goods and passengers by rail:** the Regulation stressed the need for statistics to enable the Commission to:

- monitor and develop the common transport policy, and the transport elements of policies on the regions and on trans-European network;
- ensure the preparation and monitoring of EU actions in the field of transport safety.

A new recital considered the importance of avoiding duplication of work and stated that it is necessary to establish appropriate **cooperation agreements** on statistical activities between the Commission's services and relevant entities, including at international level with a view to providing easily accessible and useful information to Union citizens and other stakeholders on rail transport safety and interoperability of the rail system, including the rail infrastructure.

**Data collection:** the Regulation stipulated that Member States shall report under Annexes A and C data for undertakings that have:

- a total volume of **goods transport** of at least 200 000 000 tonne-km or at least 500 000 tonnes;
- a total volume of **passenger transport** of at least 100 000 000 passenger-km.

Reporting under Annexes A and C shall be **optional** in respect of undertakings falling below these thresholds.

Member States shall take all measures necessary to ensure the **quality** of the data transmitted.

**Delegated powers:** the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts to **adapt the technical definitions and to provide for additional technical definitions**, when needed to take into account new developments which require a certain level of technical detail to be defined in order to ensure the harmonisation of statistics. The delegated acts shall not impose a significant additional burden on the Member States or on the respondents.

**Reports:** by 31 December 2020 and every four years thereafter, the Commission, after consulting the European Statistical System Committee, shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of this Regulation and on future developments.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 13.12.2016.

DELEGATED ACTS: the power to adopt delegated acts shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from 13 December 2016. The European Parliament or the Council shall have the right to object to a delegated act within a period of two months (extendable for two months) from the date of notification.