

Interoperability of the rail system within the EU and Railway safety (4th Railway Package): extension of the transposition period

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The European Parliament adopted by 646 votes to 6, with 38 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive (EU) 2016/797 and Directive (EU) 2016/798, as regards the extension of their transposition period.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure. As the agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act.

The proposal aims at extending the deadline for transposition of the Directives on railway safety and interoperability of the rail system contained in the Fourth Railway Package in order to give the railway sector and the authorities the necessary flexibility and legal certainty in the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The deadline for transposition of the Directives on railway safety and interoperability of the rail system contained in the fourth railway package, currently set at 16 June 2020, shall be extended until 31 October 2020.