

## ACTS ADOPTED BY BODIES CREATED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

### DECISION No 1/2020 OF THE COMMUNITY/SWITZERLAND INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE of 19 June 2020

**aligning Decision No 2/2019 with the dates of transposition, postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, of Directives (EU) 2016/797 and (EU) 2016/798 of the European Parliament and of the Council [2020/896]**

THE COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the carriage of goods and passengers by rail and road <sup>(1)</sup> ('the Agreement'), and in particular Article 52(4) thereof,

Whereas:

Joint Committee Decision No 2/2019 of 13 December 2019 <sup>(2)</sup> aims to maintain smooth rail traffic between Switzerland and the European Union, in accordance with the requirements set out in Directive (EU) 2016/797 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(3)</sup> and Directive (EU) 2016/798 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(4)</sup>. Due to the exceptional circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the European Parliament and the Council have postponed the dates of transposition of Directives (EU) 2016/797 and (EU) 2016/798 by adopting Directive (EU) 2020/700 <sup>(5)</sup>. Joint Committee Decision No 2/2019 should be aligned with the dates of transposition as amended by that Directive,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The following new paragraph 2a is inserted in Article 7 of Decision No 2/2019 of the Community/Switzerland Inland Transport Committee of 13 December 2019:

- '2a. Article 2(1) and/or Article 3(1) of Joint Committee Decision No 1/2013 shall continue to apply until 31 October 2020 for Member States that have notified the Agency and the Commission pursuant to Article 57(2a) of Directive (EU) 2016/797 or Article 33(2a) of Directive (EU) 2016/798.'

#### *Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 114, 30.4.2002, p. 91.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 13, 17.1.2020, p. 43.

<sup>(3)</sup> Directive (EU) 2016/797 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union (OJ L 138, 26.5.2016, p. 44).

<sup>(4)</sup> Directive (EU) 2016/798 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on railway safety (OJ L 138, 26.5.2016, p. 102).

<sup>(5)</sup> Directive (EU) 2020/700 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 2020 amending Directives (EU) 2016/797 and (EU) 2016/798, as regards the extension of their transposition periods (OJ L 165, 27.5.2020, p. 27).

Done at Bern, 19 June 2020.

*For the Swiss Confederation*  
*The President*  
Peter FÜGLISTALER

*For the European Union*  
*The Head of the European Union Delegation*  
Elisabeth WERNER

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