

Notice concerning the applicability of Article 34 of Directive 2014/25/EU**Suspension of the period for adoption of implementing acts**

(2020/C 211/02)

On 19 September 2019, the Commission received a request in accordance with Article 35 of Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾. The first working day following receipt of the request is 20 September 2019 and the initial period available to the Commission for deciding on this request was 90 working days.

This request, made by Slovenske železnice – Freight Transport d.o.o., concerns railway freight services. The relevant notice was published on 17 February 2020 under the reference C 53 page 10 of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Pursuant to Annex IV, point 2, of Directive 2014/25/EU, the Commission may require the Member State or the contracting entity concerned or the competent independent national authority or any other competent national authority to provide all necessary information or to supplement or clarify information given within an appropriate time limit. On 16 December 2019, the Commission asked the national authorities to provide additional information by 6 January at the latest. On 6 December 2019, the Commission asked Slovenske železnice – Freight Transport d.o.o to provide additional information which was received on 16 December 2019. Slovenske železnice – Freight Transport d.o.o made an additional submission on 31 January 2020.

In the event of late or incomplete answers, the initial deadline shall be suspended for the period between the expiry of the time limit set in the request for information, and the receipt of the complete and correct information.

The formal deadline will therefore expire after 22 working days after the receipt of complete and correct information.

⁽¹⁾ Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on procurement procedures by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and repealing Directive 2004/17/EC (OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 243).