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Minister of Transport, Construction and Regional Development
Bratislava

Re: Approval of the framework for capacity allocation of Rail Freight Corridor No 7

Dear Minister,

Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning a European rail network for competitive freight requires the Members of the Executive Board of Rail Freight Corridor No 7 (RFC7 – Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia), to define a common framework for capacity allocation. The framework had been elaborated on expert level, and a written procedure was launched in order to officially approve it.

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Internal Rules and Procedures a letter was submitted to all Members of RFC7 on 7 November initiating the written procedure. Notifications about their positions regarding the draft framework from all Members have now arrived. Six Members have given their approval on the framework.

On behalf of Hungary I hereby also attest the approval of the document.

Consequently the positions of all Members form a consensus, thus pursuant to Article 8 paragraph 4 of the EU-Regulation the decision shall be valid. The framework for capacity allocation of Rail Freight Corridor No 7 has been approved, and shall be effective from today according to Article 6 of the Internal Rules and Procedures.

The document shall also be submitted to the Management Board, which is asked to implement the provisions laid down in the framework.

Thanking you for your contribution to our work, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Zoltán Schwáb
Chair Member

Enclosure: framework for capacity allocation (13 sheets)

cc: Mr András Nyíri, Chair of the Management Board of Rail Freight Corridor No 7



Ministry of Transport

Jindřich Kušnír
Head of Railway and Combined Transport Department

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Dear Mr. Schváb,

On behalf of the Transport Minister let me thank you for your letter and this good news. I am really very happy to hear the Rail Freight Corridor No. 7 has been launched and all legal procedures have been also fulfilled. I appreciate your effort to push all works ahead and would like to thank you for Hungarian coordination of procedures related to the whole implementation process.

Dear Mr. Schváb, the Czech Ministry of Transport approves the framework for capacity allocation as it was elaborated on expert level. I believe this document will give a relevant and powerful tool to all infrastructure managers participating on the corridor. We will also inform the Czech infrastructure manager (SŽDC) about our position.

With kind regards

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Ministry of National Development
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Dear Mr. Deputy State Secretary,

the Minister of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of Slovak Republic has received an information from you (your file No. KIF/21206/2013 – NFM) about setting of Rail Freight Corridor No. 7, which is linking Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Greece, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia on its way from Prague to Athens with the document “Framework for Capacity Allocation of Rail Freight Corridor No 7” attached for approval.

As a Director General of Railway's Transport and Paths' Section I have been entrusted by him to approve The Framework for Capacity Allocation of Rail Freight Corridor No 7.

After going through this document I am pleased to approve The Framework for Capacity Allocation of Rail Freight Corridor No 7 and to allow calling on the infrastructure management to implement it.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Schwáb Zoltán
Deputy State Secretary for Transport
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REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
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To the kindest attention of

MR. ZOLTÁN SCHVÁB
DEPUTY STATE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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HUNGARY

Concerning: *Framework for Capacity Allocation on Rail Freight Corridor No 7*

DEAR MR. SCHVÁB,

Let me express my great satisfaction that the Railway Freight Corridor No 7 "Orient" started its operation on 8th November 2013. The Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications (MTITC) highly appreciates the efforts of all experts involved in the preparation of the necessary documentation for the successful start of the corridor exploitation, in the deadline determined in the Regulation 913/2010/EU.

One of the most important documents elaborated by the Executive Board is the *Framework for the Allocation of the Infrastructure Capacity on Rail Freight Corridor No 7*. The framework is comprehensive and thoroughly prepared, and provides flexibility to the infrastructure managers.

Having in mind the above mentioned, please accept the approval of the Bulgarian MTITC on the Framework for Capacity Allocation on Rail Freight Corridor No 7.

I am looking forwards to our future fruitful cooperation.

Sincerely Yours,

Anton Ginev
Deputy Minister of Transport,
Information Technology and Communications



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TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Executive Board of Rail Freight Corridor 7
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Ministry of National Development of Hungary
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SUBJECT : Framework for capacity allocation of Rail Freight Corridor No 7

Dear Mr Schvab,

Following your letter, dated November 7th, concerning the Framework for Capacity Allocation of Rail Freight Corridor 7, I would like to inform you that we approve the Capacity Allocation Framework enclosed.

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation. I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the highest assurances of my consideration.

Yours sincerely,

THE SECRETARY GENERAL
N. STATHOPOULOS



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Vienna, 04.12.2013

Dear Mr Schwáb!

Referring to your letter from 7th November 2013 concerning the Corridor-Framework for the allocation of the infrastructure capacity on Rail Freight Corridor No 7, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Hungary for its work in the role of the Executive Board and to congratulate you for the important contributions on the successful preparation for implementing the rail freight corridor No.7.

I can inform you that we agree on the proposed document of the Corridor – Framework for the allocation of the infrastructure capacity in the version attached to this letter.

Let us hope that the implementation of the international rail freight corridor as an important step to provide competitive and high-quality rail freight services can contribute to ensure sustainable mobility in our countries.

Kind regards,

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GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS

Minister's Office

No 57259 /10.12.2013

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter no. KIF/21206/2013 dated 7th of November 2013, submitting the Corridor- framework for the allocation of the infrastructure capacity on the Rail Freight Corridor No 7 "Orient" according to Regulation (EU) no 913/2010.

I would like to seize this opportunity to appreciate the above mentioned guidelines which are comprehensive and respond to all needs of the participating states.

After an overall assessment of the Corridor-framework for the allocation of the infrastructure capacity, we are able to inform you that Romanian party could endorse it. I am confident that the "Orient" Corridor will prove itself as being a sustainable tool for improving the rail traffic and the economic exchanges.

Your sincerely,

Ramona Nicole Manescu
Minister

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nico', written over a circular official stamp of the Ministry of Transport.

Mr. Zoltan Schvab
Chair Member
Executive Board of RFC7 „Orient”
Ministry of National Development of Hungary