

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 ⁽¹⁾ ('the Agreement'), and in particular Article 52(4) thereof,

Whereas:

Joint Committee Decision No 2/2019 of 13 December 2019 ⁽²⁾ 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 ⁽³⁾ and Directive (EU) 2016/798 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾. 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 ⁽⁵⁾. 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.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 114, 30.4.2002, p. 91.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 13, 17.1.2020, p. 43.

⁽³⁾ 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).

⁽⁴⁾ 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).

⁽⁵⁾ 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
